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Surprise help for housing market

Mortgage cut gives Tories election boost

BY ROBIN OAKLEY AND LINDSAY COOK

LEADING mortgage len-ders cut their interest rates to below 11 per cent yesterday in a surprise effort to stimulate the stagnant

housing market.
The half-point cut delighted ministers, who were told about the decision five minutes before yesterday's cabinet meeting, and Downing Street swiftly pointed out that an average borrower's mon-thly payments have fallen by £127 in the past year.

Rates for first-time buyers are now at their cheapest since 1978, and this seventh, reduction in 16 months gives the lowest basic mortgage rate for three and a half years.

The government insisted that there had been no deal with the building societies in the wake of the stamp duty moratorium announced before Christmas. But ministers were pleased both by the po-

Rugby stars cash in

England's rugby union players have received approval from the game's governing body for their promotional "Run with the Ball" scheme. Each member of the squad that played in last year's World Cup will eventually receive

more than £5.000. Players will be able to advertise non-rugby prod-ucts, provide services to non-rugby organisations. speak or appear at nonrugby functions, write books and articles, broadcast and open non-rugby

Book appeal

send a million books in English to the former Soviet Union, has announced its national appeal week, which is supported by The Times Page 7 Leading article, page 13

Accused 'lied'

A Briton accused of murdering his wife told a Spanish court he faked a confession to protect a family member.....Page 3

Yeltsin wins

President Yeltsin salvaged his radical economic reform programme and won a ractical victory when few parliamentary deputies dissented with his price liberalisation policy.... Page 8

Israel threat

I srael's government came a step closer to collapse when a second right-wing party vowed to pull out of the coalition.....

TSB setback

TSB, the bank floated on the stockmarket in a blaze of publicity in 1986, lost E47 million last year al-though the year's final divi-dend will remain unchanged..... Page 19

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tential fillip for the housing market and because the lenders' readiness to cut rates for commercial reasons may help to restore the economic opti-mism that is vital to their reelection hopes. City analysis, however, were sceptical about whether a half-point cut would be enough to lure buyers to the market while unemployment was still rising and with a general election on the

Abbey National led the way yesterday morning when it introduced a base rate of 10.99 per cent that will reduce monthly payments on a £55,000 endowment loan by about £22 a month. The new rate will operate immediately for new buyers and from March for existing borrow-ers. Within the hour, the Halifax and Nationwide had cut their rates, while the Woolwich and Cheltenham & Gloucester said they would

remain competitive.

The reduction for loans above £60,000 was smaller, but they will still be cheaper than smaller mortgages. First-time buyers borrowing £100,000 or more will pay less than 9 per cent. This move cuts first-time buyer rates to their lowest since 1978, and we are confidenct that the cut will be shot in the arm for the housing market." John Bayliss, the Abbey Nat-

ional managing director said. The Halifax, the largest lender, will now charge 10.95 per cent for mortgages up to £60,000; 10.5 for up to £100,000 and 10.3 per cent over that. The Nationwide has fallen into line with the Abbey National with rates of 10.99 per cent, 10.55 per cent and 10.4 — although that rate applies only to loans over £120,000. All three offer a one-and-a-half-point dis-

count for first-time buyers. The cuts depend on bank base rates not being increased to support the pound, and ministers said yesterday the lenders had been given no guarantees that this would not happen. But the government has made clear since Christmas that everything possible will be done to resist a damaging rise in the cost of borrowing and the markets belief that such a move will be

Norman Lamont, who briefed the cabinet on the Abbey National decision, said the cuts were very welcome and would reinforce his move on stamp duty to help to increase housing market ac-tivity. In the Commons, the Chancellor held out the prospect of lower inflation and

said the lower rates would have a beneficial effect. Conservative MPs discounted any political motives in the societies' actions, saying they owed no favours to a government that had taken an extra £250 million in tax from them in the last Budget and, anyway, they could not afford to succumb to pressure to cut rates to help either party to win an election. One ministerial aide added that the cut was in the societies' own interests. "They have

plenty of money in the kitty." The Treasury believes the societies have seen a chance to steal a march on the banks and keep a bigger share of the market once it picks up. Labour, 100, was disin-

clined to suspect any conspiracy, seeing the move more as an attempt to boost the housing market while stamp duty

is suspended.

Jim Birrell, chief executive of the Halifax, supported that view when he said: "For some time now we have been keen to reduce mortgage rates to help hard-pressed borrowers and stimulate the housing

The £750 million rescue package announced last month should take 20,000 repossessed homes off the market and the raising of the Continued on page 18, col

Logjam eased, page 2

Polls give mixed signals to Major

tum was maintained yesterday in the intensifying electoral battle. Along with the surprise cut in mortgage rates, the latest Gallup poll. published in The Daily Telegraph today, put the the Tories ahead by 4.5 per cent.

Gallup , with fieldwork conducted from January 8-13, put party support at Conservatives 42 per cent, Labour 37.5 per cent, Liberal Democrats 16 per cent and others 4.5 per cent.

An NOP poll for Newsnight and The Independent, however, had Labour ahead by three points. It measured party support at Labour 43, Conservatives 40 and Liberal Democrats 13.

There was further bad news for John Major and the government with unemployment figures at the highest level for four years in December.

The Tories gained their Gallup lead, their biggest poll

CONSERVATIVE momen- margin since early September, on a day when ministers were merrily exploiting Labour's tangle over whether it will phase in gradually or implement immediately the promised abolition of the ceiling on national insurance contributions.

Chris Patten, the Conservative chairman, accused Labour of running scared over the controversial plan to hit all earners over £20.280 a year by removing the ceiling on national insurance contributions. But John Smith, the shadow chancellor, denied that there had been any change in policy and refused to confirm whether the party would abolish the ceiling immediately or phase in the tax changes over a period. invoking a Chancellor's right Continued on page 18, col 4

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Up and about: Mother Teresa leaving Scripps Clinic in La Jolla, California, after three weeks of treatment for bacterial pneumonia and heart problems

Ousted leader flies into Georgia to fan civil war

FROM BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW AND ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBUL

FEARS were growing last night of a broadening conflict after Zviad Gamsakhurdia. the deposed president of Georgia, flew back to the west of his republic and proclaimed a "civil war" against the regime which overthrew

him ten days ago. The Georgian leader called on thousands of his supporters in the staunchly loyal fown of Zugdidi to march on Tbilisi, the capital from which he fled to Armenia on January 6 after rebels bombarded the parliament building in which

he had been sheltering. Tengiz Kitovani, one of the military commanders who removed Mr Gamsakhurdia, said that the president faced an "unenviable fate" and announced that armed units had been dispatched to stop his supporters blocking roads in western regions. He hinted that Moscow's troops might

be used as well. "It is suggested to Zviad Gamsakhurdia that he should leave Georgia again -



if he does not, an unenviable border with Georgia yesterdestiny awaits him." Mr Kitoon Russia's southern flank vani said. "We have enough strength and resources to change the situation in wes ern Georgia in our favour," he told Tass.

The national guard commander, who broke with Mr Gamsakhurdia after accusing him of cowardice during the August coup, said that the blocking of road and rail transport was a matter of acute concern to the Kremlin's forces in Transcaucasia. who relied on these transport links for their provisions.

Turkish troops were put on a state of alert along their

day. The intention was to keep out any influx of refugees, according to the goverof Artvin, Selahattin Onu. Turkey has been on the receiving end of two waves of refugees - Bulgarian Turks in 1989 and Iraqi Kurds last April - and it is determined

to prevent a third. The latest unrest however. so close to its territory, is a sharp reminder of the downside of the disintegration of what was once the Soviet Union. Whereas even Turgut Continued on page 18, col 5

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Magazine ordered to stop Maxwell issue

FROM PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

A COURT in Paris ordered the magazine Paris Match yesterday to withdraw from sale in France all copies of last week's issue showing photographs of the post-monem examination of Robert Maxwell. It also awarded his French-born widow. Elisabeth, 100,000 francs (about £10,000) in provisional damages because the magazine had exceeded "the

limits of freedom of speech". The court instructed bailiffs to ensure that the offending issue was withdrawn. Paris Match is published on Thursdays, so most of that issue will have been sold. However, the new issue devotes another four pages to "Le Mystère Maxwell" and repeats the original claim that he was severely beaten before he disappeared from his yacht.

The magazine said yesterday that the photographs of Mr Maxwell in an Israeli mortuary. "will help people to know what really happened because the Maxwell family must now go public with the autopsy results".

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The City helps Russia get out of the red

By MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

ONE thousand would-be solicitors. bankers and insurance agents from the former Soviet Union are to be placed in British firms around the country to learn the tricks of these Western trades that for 70 years have found little scope

in the communist system. Norman Lamont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced yesterday that he is writing to companies in the City and around the country urging them to provide opportunities for work experience. It will be one of the largest. single training schemes for foreign students ever sponsored by the

The British Council will pick the candidates, and Whitehall will organise and pay for the administration of the scheme, including initial orientation. language and financial training for right." he said. "Understanding the food and lodging.

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total cost will be about £8 million. In the past six months a rash of commercial banks, law firms and stockbroking agencies has sprung up in Moscow and St Petersburg. But most of the would-be City slickers are as bewildered by what they are doing as their distrustful customers, and many are making do by mugging up on the basics of banking from books and hastily translated manuals they have managed to obtain from

Mr Lamont, who visited the Soviet Union last year, said President Yeltsin told him that Russia needed, above all else, Western training expertise and knowhow. He asked Britain to consider providing secondments for hundreds of Russians, so that they could learn firsthand how a market economy works and bring back their new skills to Russia. President Yeltsin was absolutely benefits of a modern financial services industry and how to run one is a key priority for the newly independent states. The City of London and the UK's financial, insurance and legal services sector have unparalleled expertise. I am sure that many firms will respond positively to their initiative and make a most valuable contribution at this momen-

tous time." Mr Lamont has asked brokers, accountants and building societies to take in the young entrants for between six months and a year. The CBI has added its backing, and is already having talks with the Treasury on setting up a steering committee to run the British end of the scheme.

Despite the undoubted allure of life in Britain, all the applicants will have to go home after their placement. They will not end up rich — pocket money is the most they are likely to receive, as well as



7 million poll tax orders could be invalid

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

EVERY one of the seven million poll tax payment orders made since April 1990 could be declared invalid if the government attempts to close a legal loophole in enforcement proceedings, Kenneth Baker. he home secretary, was

warned yesterday.

More than 3.900 cases have been halted in the past two weeks after lawyers for anti-poll tax campaigners argued that councils in Kent. Liverpool, London and Suffolk could not rely on computerised records as evidence of non-payment of the poll tax.

Yesterday magistrates at Camberwell, southeast London, adjourned 2,400 cases after Lambeth council sought time to consider the implications of the rulings.

Government lawyers have advised Mr Baker that if he changes the law to close the loophole it will effectively invalidate all previous liability orders granted by the courts. He will confirm that the legis-

lation was faulty.

However they have also advised him that councils will not have to repay them more than 11 billion which they have recovered through the courts in the past 18 months if the orders are declared invalid. Counsel agree that be-cause individuals are required by law to pay the poll tax they cannot have their payments refunded even if the money was extracted by court orders.

Local authorities may, how-ever, be required to refund legal costs of up to £100 per person which defaulters have been ordered to pay. There is, however, a substantial risk that councils will have to pay damages to people impris-oned for non-payment on the basis of liability orders which become invalid.

The Poll Tax Legal Group. which monitors cases around the country, says that about 170 people have been jailed for non-payment. In recent cases of wrongful imprisonment courts have awarded up to £250 in compensation for each hour in custody, equiva-

lent to £6,000 a day. Last night, the Home Office said that it was considering the situation urgently.

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Richard Cork finds tenderness among the triumphalism in the new Mantegna



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Solicitors force Lord Chancellor onto ropes over fixed fees



Lord Mackay: may be

THE Lord Chancellor faces mounting pressure to defer his proposals for a new system of fixed fees for legal aid work in magistrates' courts after the Law Society announced vesterday that the issue had been referred to the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice.

L'obil

Law Society leaders hailed the commission's involvement as a significant move when more than 350 solicitors met to debate what action to take over the Lord Chancellor's proposals. It is looking increasingly likely that the Government may now be unable to meet its target of introducing the new fixed fees, which replace the present system of payment by hourly rates, by April 1.

Several solicitors at the meeting

A dispute over payments for legal aid work has been referred to a royal commission. The Law Society is still ready to strike, Frances Gibb writes

confirmed that their local law societies would take strike action as a last resort by withdrawing from the duty rotas for giving free advice to people in courts or police stations. The Law Society made clear that it would, if necessary, take the Lord Chancellor to court over the proposals.

Philip Ely, the Society's president, told meeting in London of solicitors from law societies throughout England and Wales that the Royal Commission had noted its concern about plans to change the basis of payment in

magistrates' courts. Mr Ely said that the commission had invited further evidence from the society. saying that it would be "very concerned if the consequences of the proposed arangements were to do damage to the criminal justice system".

He added: "In the meantime I urge the Lord Chancellor to await the outcome of the royal commission and not to take further action to implement his proposals."

Mr Ely told solicitors, who were united in their calls for a strong lead from the Law Society in fight-

ing the proposals, that he believed the Lord Chancellor was wiling to reconsider the planned changes. Lord Mackay has agreed to address a second national meeting of

legal aid solicitors on February 12.

Mr Ely said that the Lord Chancellor's officials had conceded that there were defects in its survey which forms the basis for assessing the new fixed fees. "Some of the points we have made about the defects in the survey are powerful

Robert Winstanley, a Law Society council member, said that the threat of taking the Lord Chancellor to court "may yet prove a very strong weapon in the society's armoury". The new proposals "threatened the quality of justice

available to those facing criminal offences", he said.

Solicitors in many cases would make a potential loss which was greater than the fee payable. "In my view this amounts to a capping of the resources available to the

One main factor in miscarriage of justice was the inadequacy of resources available to the defence compared with the prosecution, he said. The Lord Chancellor's proposals would tip the balance even: more away from the defence, he

Alec Atchison, of Central and South Middlesex Law Society. said it was incredible that the profession was debating strike action. "We could not have envishave never known a Lord Chancellor who is so heartily disliked by

the whole profession. Law Society Teaders said that they were not prepared to endorse strike action by solicitors who provided a vital service to those at risk of losing their liberty. Robert Winstanley said that the society sympathised with those who with-drew their services and they had

But he added: "Solicitors can't have it both ways. No more than hospital doctors could withdraw their services from the sick and injured can the Law Society call for solicitors to withdraw their skills from those threatened with a loss of liberty."

every right to do so.

Farmers earning less than ten years ago

FARMERS' incomes fell by 18 per cent in real terms last year, continuing a ten-year decline, and the number of people employed on the land fell by almost 1,200 a month. according to the government's latest annual agricul-

David Naish, president of the National Farmers' Union, said that the statistics were appalling. "They not only confirm the downward trend of the past years but bring the industry's real in-come to its lowest level since

They reinforce the need for a reform of the European Community's common agricultural policy that will allow farmers time to adapt to lower levels of support. It is vital for the government to ensure that those parts of the reform proposals that discriminate against United Kingdom farmers are removed," Mr

John Gummer, the agriculture minister, said 1991 was not an easy year for farmers but that the fall in income had been from a higher level in 1990 than had been forecast. He said that his aim was a competitive and efficient agriculture in the EC that would "safeguard the envi-ronment and apply fairly to all producers regardless of the size and location of their

The report shows that the income of farmers and their wives was £1,224 million last year, compared to £1,418 million in 1990, a nominal decline of 13.7 per cent and a real decline, after allowing for inflation, of 18.3 per cent. That comes on top of a fall in

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Even in straight cash terms, the average farmer's income is less now than it was ten years ago when the purchasing power of the pound was twice its present level.

real incomes of 14.2 per cent

The report shows that the number of full-time farmers fell by 5,000 to 178,000 in 1990-1, and the number of people employed in agriculture, including farmers, their wives, other family members and employees, fell by 14,000 to 628,000, which represents only 2.1 per cent of the national workforce.

Farmers increased their bank borrowing last year, but were helped by a fall in interest rates which cut their interest payments by £148 million to £899 million, a reduction of 14 per cent. However, that was offset in part by increases in the costs of rent and

The overall figures conceal big differences in wealth. Large dairy farms in England and Wales averaged net incomes last year of between £36,000 and £42,000, while small upland livestock farms recorded average net incomes of no more than £2,000-£3.000. Large cereal farms averaged a net income of £34,000 against only £3,200 on small farms.

Meanwhile, the Farmers' Union of Wales said yesterday that the average income of farmers in the Welsh uplands fell last year to £7.561. or £144 a week and 25 per cent less than they were earn-

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Toxic tin mine water gushes into river

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

CONCERN was growing last night about the threat to Cornish shellfish beds and fish stocks from millions of gallons of heavily contaminated water which has escaped from a disused tin mine.

in one of Britain's worst pollution incidents, water from the Wheal Jane mine, near Truro, containing high levels of toxic heavy metals, including cadmium, zinc and arsenic, has spread down the River Carnon and into the Carrick Roads estuary off Falmouth. The extensive reddish-brown slick has passed over nearly 4,000 acres of oyster beds in the River Fal and is now moving into the sea. Last night fishermen and oyster farmers were holding emergency talks with envi-ronmental health officers.

Water began to build up in the Wheal Jane mine after pumping stopped when the mine was closed down in March last year and burst out through a shaft in November. The company owning the mine, Carnon Consolidated, pumped the water away for treatment with National Rivers Authority co-operation and financial help. The operation stopped on

January 4 and on Monday night the water burst out through another shaft. The company's managing direc-tor, Kevin Ross, said that the pollution was a one-off event which would not happen again. The incident was the result of the "catastrophic failure" of a plug, which caused a huge quantity of water suddenly to discharge.

Up to ten million gallons of water are thought to have poured into the Carnon. which is already highly pol-luted, and flowed down into Restronguet Creek and Mylor Creek on the edge of

Carrick Roads. The NRA said last night that the flow of discoloured water had stopped for the present. Its engineers were urgently seeking a long-term solution. This may involve diverting the polluted water through marshland, where much of the heavy metal content would be taken out

naturally.

The fragile ecology of a Scottish loch is in danger of being destroyed by the presence of a fish farm despite protracted legal moves, involving the Scottish Office and Scotland's supreme civil court, to have the operating company banned from the according

conservationists. Although Loch Obisary, North Uist, was designated as a site of special scientific interest by the Nature Conservancy Council for Scotland in 1986, fish cages were North Uist Fisheries company two years ago.



Sound of music: Simon Rattle, conductor of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, rehearsing for a performance of Copland's Fanfare for the Common Man in Birmingham cathedral yesterday. Last night he received the annual award of the National Association of British Orchestras for promoting the art. On ers after the national curriculum coun-

BBC radio earlier he had said that newstyle lessons for schoolchildren spelt disaster for British music. He criticised plans for children as young as five to study Mozart, Tchaikovsky and Stravinsky under the national curriculum. The new courses emphasise the importance of great classical compos-

cil (NCC) overruled its own experts who wanted children to concentrate on playing music. Mr Rattle said: "The NCC advocates a return to the passive history and appreciation teaching of 30 years ago. If education secretary Kenneth Clarke accepts the NCC document it would be the greatest disaster for music in Britain in my lifetime."

Labour attacks

'power abuse'

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

CONSERVATIVE councils are to get a far bigger increase in Whitehall grants than their Labour counterparts, Opposition leaders said yesterday as they accused Michael Heseltine of abusing power for political advantage.

Bryan Gould, Labour's environment spokesman, said that the environment secretary had deliberately cooked the books to hold down poll tax bills in Conservative areas and force them up in Labour ones. However, Michael Portillo, the local government minister, dismissed the accu-

sations as "ludicrous". The final round of poll tax demands are due to go out in late March or early April, perhaps only days before the election, and ministers are nervous about their likely impact. Labour says the govern-



Gould: claims grants system has been rigged

ment has manipulated the complex formulae determining central grants to sweeten voters in Tory strongholds.

Drawing on a survey by the Local Government Information Unit. financed by Labour councils. Mr Gould said Tory councils in shire districts would enjoy a rise in standard spending assessments averaging 45 per cent above their Labour counterparts.

"This report produced by the LGIU shows that the whole grants system has been rigged ... Mr Heseltine has a clear political game plan. He is attempting, however improbably, to use the poll tax against Labour councils."

The LGIU compared the government's assessment of what district councils should have spent in 1991-2 with the proposed level for 1992-3. It found that the average increases were: Conservative councils, 5.67 per cent; hung councils. 5.33 per cent: Liberal Democrat, 4.87 per

cent: Labour, 3.92 per cent. Mr Portillo said: "The claims are ludicrous and it is significant that only shire districts have been selected for analysis. There is no mention of London authorities like Hounslow up 10 per cent, Haringey up 9.9 per cent and Lewisham up 8.1 per cent.

The top three highest grants in the country go to non-Conservative authorities Hackney, Tower Hamlets and Islington."

collapse

Negotiations between Peter Brooke, Northern Ireland secretary, and Ulster MPs broke down last night after failing to reach agreement on the revival of peace talks over the future of the province (Sheila Gunn writes).

Ulster

talks

During the private discus-sions at Westminster, Ulster Unionist MPs fell out with SDLP MPs about the effect of the general election on any talks. Mr Brooke and Brian Mawhinney, the Northern Ireland security minister. have made no dates for further negotiations with the political parties, virtually ruling out the prospect of peace talks resuming at the end of this month.

The latest obstacle ap-peared to be the Ulster Unionists' insistence that a future Labour government should also be bound by any agreement reached. However the mainly Catholic SDLP wants peace talks to be unaffected by the election.

After yesterday's meeting John Hume, leader of the SDLP MPs, said: "Why not resume the talks now where we left off? Having spent two years negotiating the basis of them, everyone should by now have put in their

Police injured in wake fight

Three policemen were injured yesterday in a confrontation with mourners during a wake at a public house in Salford, Greater Manchester, for a after first killing his girlfriend.

The officers were attacked with bricks and glasses after claims that they had tried to arrest one of the pallbearers at the funeral of Ian Spiers. Police reinforcements, some in riot gear, sealed off the street but allowed the wake to continue. Two police vehicles were also damaged but there. were no arrests.

Esso increases petrol price

Esso petrol prices are to rise today by 4 2p a gallon, only a formight after they were cut by up to 7p. The company blamed the move on the weakening of the pound against the dollar and a rise in international petrol prices.Other leading suppli-ers are likely to follow suit

The rise takes the cost of a gallon of Esso unleaded to 204.lp (44.9p a litre) and Esso four-star to 220.5p a gallon (48.5p a litre). The price of Esso diesel, presently 197.8p a gallon (43.5p a litre), is unchanged.

Garda admits secrets offence

A former Irish police officer arrested during an inves-tigation into IRA activity in the republic pleaded guilty to a charge under the Official Secrets Act at the special criminal court in Dublin yesterday.

Denis Kelly, aged 28, from Mallow, Co Cork, admitted possessing a document containing information relating to operations or projected operations of the gardai. Kelly, a garda for nine years, based at Limerick city, was remanded on £30,000 hail until January 31.

Doctor cleared of sex assault

A doctor accused of indecently assaulting the manager at his practice was cleared yesterday by Durham crown court. Bob McManners, aged 43, had been accused of fondling Jean Reece, aged 57, in her room at a hotel where he and his four partners, based at Bishop Auckland, Durham, spent a business weekend.

The court was told that the allegation was made against a background of problems in

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grinding to a halt LEGAL action against poll Councils are tax defaulters in England and Wales is likely to come to a reluctant to cross

Action on poll tax

halt within days as councils wait for the government or the courts to resolve the legal challenge to the right to take defaulters to court.

The extent of the legal quagmire emerged yesterday as lawyers said that even if councils abandoned computer records and returned to using quill pens and ledgers they could not plug the legal loophole that has halted cases. Many councils have decided to ask magistrates to adiourn cases where the issue is raised, to await government action or a ruling in a higher

Initial reports suggested that the issue centred on the rights of councils to use computer records as evidence of non-payment. Lawyers have in fact argued that councils cannot use any written record as evidence. They cite a 1965 case in which the Court of Appeal decided that written records were equivalent to hearsay evidence and that only the verbal evidence of an individual could be taken as proof of

what a written record said. The case, Myers v DPP, led to an investigation by the law reform committee of the Lord Chancellor's department. which recommended that the law be changed to permit the use of written records as primary evidence. Although the 1968 Civil Evidence Act made the necessary changes in the county courts and the

the legal quagmire affecting poll tax cases, writes **Douglas Broom**

High Court, it was never extended to cover civil proceedings in magistrates courts. Until the introduction of

the poll tax in 1990, magistrates had little need of the powers but since then they have dealt with more than eight million summonses for non-payment of the tax. To get around the problem councils have considered calling their cashiers to give evidence of non-payment using computer records.

However lawyers representing anti-poll tax groups have argued that under the 1938 idence act. which governs evidence in civil proceedings in magistrates' courts, council staff cannot do that. They say the 1938 act bars people with "an interest" in the outcome of the case from giving evidence in such circumstances and, they say, the courts have long held that an employee of the plaintiff has "an

interest". The only way out, they argue, is a change in the law. So far the argument has brought almost 4,000 cases to a halt but it has yet to be tested in a higher court, although that test may come within weeks.

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Rate cuts ease logiam for first-time buyers

ESTATE agents believe that yesterday's building society interest rate cuts combined with the stamp duty 'holiday' will help the bottom end of the housing market.

James Laing, partner at the estate agents Strutt and Parker said: "The interest rate cut has to give confidence to the market. This has clearly indicated to me that the next base rate move is likely to be downward."

People had delayed buying homes because of uncertainty about interest rates, said Laing, "There are people who want to buy homes but have been prevented from doing so because of uncertainty about interest rates, whether Labour or Conservative will win the election, and when the election with be." At least one element of uncertainty had now been removed, said Mr Laing, "It's a little

There will be no stampede. But lower interest rates could give a modest lift to the bottom of the market. reports Rachel Kelly

thing like this that gives confidence to the market." The temporary abolition of stamp duty, implemented from midnight on December 19, and affecting houses costing less than £250,000, was also helping to reduce the logiam at the bottom end,

"This has affected one or two cases at the bottom end of the market." said Mr Laing. "There the difference of one per cent in value unblocks a logiam. Because of Christmas, the stamp duty abolition has not yet affected sales more generally. But I am confident that it will make a difference in the months ahead." Analysts are more sceptical. The

abolition is merely tinkering at the edges, they say. "I don't think it will kick-start the market," said Jeremy Brown, housing partner at Coopers and Lybrand Deloitte. "But it will always be hard to judge the impact of this, because many factors affect decisions to buy, so one can't isolate a single reason. And statistics for January for house transactions, which help judge the effect, have yet to be calculated, and even then some of those would have been begun before

the abolition." One per cent on, say, a £60,000 loan, worth £600 may not on its own be enough to influence a buyer. "It could be ourweighed by problems

getting a loan," said Mr Brown. "The measures are modestly helpful, but they do not give enough to give the market the lift it requires."

John Wrigglesworth, of Philips and Drew, said: "We will see an artificial boom just before the deadline expires - as we saw in August 1988 - and then property prices will fall again and we will be in an even worse mess than we are now."

Martin Holden, from Viner Carew, a Plymouth estate agent, said: The interest rate cuts will particularly help first time buyers. It will help get confidence going. We have already seen an upturn in activity since the beginning of the year, helped by the abolition of stamp duty."

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Costa Briton 'cut up wife's body after argument'

appearance.

petrol in the garden. He is

alleged to have told police

that he had burnt her head in the villa's fireplace. The court heard from a

forensic scientist that Mrs

Hutchinson's head would

have exploded in the heat and

that little would have been left of her body. He also told the court that bloodstains found in the bedroom and bath-

room were typical of those produced afters a violent

struggle and the subsequent

his wife ten years ago in

ous marriages.

Mr Hutchinson married

The court heard that Mrs

Hutchinson was a leading

member of the Fuengirola

Operatic Society. Spanish de-

tectives eventually arrested

Mr Hutchinson after his father-in-law. James David-son, from Aberdeen, reported

his daughter missing to police in Aberdeen. Two Scottish

detectives travelled to Spain

to help Spanish investigators.
The hearing continues

dismemberment of a body.

A BRITON accused of muraged 15, whose previous ab-dering his wife told a Spanish sences had forced a adjourndering his wife told a Spanish court yesterday that he faked a confession to protect another member of his family.

Stuart Hutchinson, aged 47, told a panel of three judges in Malaga that he admitted battering his wife. Alice to death after two detections of the statement of tives from Scotland told himthat his teenage daughter would also be held res-

The court heard that Mr Hutchinson confessed to Spanish police that he had killed his wife after an argument at the couple's villa at Bel Santo, on the Costa del Sol. He is alleged to have dismembered and burnt the body, disposing of the re-mains in rubbish bins on the seafront of the resort town of

Mr Hutchinson, who has pleaded not guilty, told the court his wife had left home after an argument on the night of February 28, 1989. He claimed to have seen her on two occasions after her disappearance and that she had left him to find work as an opera singer in Covent

A state prosecutor read out Mr Hutchinson's original statement to police, in which he described how he bludgeoned his wife to death with Aberdeen, where he worked in the oil industry. The couple moved to the Costa del Sol in 1987 where Mr Hutchinson a baseball bat after she hadtaunted him over the death of their son, aged three months, ran a removal business. They have three children by previfrom spina bifida.

Also in court was Mr Hur-chinson's daughter, Katinka.

Geese

offered

a safe

haven

OFFERS from around the

country to give a new home to a flock of Canada

geese could win the birds

a reprieve from a south London council's plans to cull them by shooting. The rescue proposals in-

clude one to take them by

truck to Scotland and

home in Canada. Wandsworth council

planned to shoot 200 of

the 800 geese which, it

says, are polluting water-

ways and destroying vege-

tation in Battersea Park.

However, the council is

now sifting through the

more serious offers, and

hopes to make a decision

in the next few days on the birds' fate, although

shooting remains an

At a stormy meeting of the council's leisure and amenities committee ear-

lier this week, members of the public heckled councillors who refused to

hear a representative of

have said that there are

little more than 400 geese in the park and that if a

cuil were necessary it could be done more effi-

ciently and humanely by

pricking the birds' eggs. The council said, however,

that a two-year egg-prick-

ing campaign in the bor-

ough had been ineffective

The RSPCA, which had

written to the council urg-

ing it to reconsider, said

yesterday that it was glad

it was now looking at al-

ternatives. A spokesman-

said, however, "Moving

the geese out of the area is

preferable on welfare grounds but is unlikely to be completely effective.

Canada geese have no

concept of political

boundaries, and geese

from other areas are likely

to fly in to take up the

introduced as "orna-

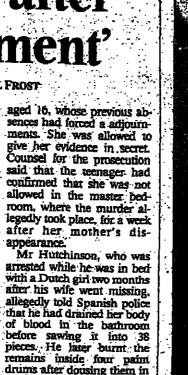
Canada geese were first

position vacated."

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in reducing numbers.

By LOUISE HIDALGO



Duchess of York, accompanied by her father, Major Ronald Ferguson, arriving at Heathrow airport yester-day before flying to America to attend charity events in Florida. The duchess, shrugging off a welter of press speculation and innuendo about a relationship with Steve Wyatt. the son of a Texas oil millionaire. smiled broadly to a posse of twenty tabloid journalists and, by chance,

the comedian Frankie Howerd, as

she boarded the aircraft (Alan Hamilton writes). She seemed unconcerned by the furore caused by the disclosure that private photographs said to show her on a Mediterranean holiday with Mr Wyatt had been found by a cleaner in a London apartment and handed to the police. They have since been returned to her. According to some newspapers. some of the pictures show the duchess sitting on a swing chair with Mr Wyatt, aged 38, their arms around each other. Friends of the duchess have been quoted as saying there was "nothing improper" in the relationship and that it ended in 1990, but the denials have not prevented blanket coverage of the episode. During her four-day visit to West Palm Beach, the duchess will attend several charity functions including a polo match at which she will be presented with a cheque for £15,000 for the Motor Neurone Disease Association, of which she is patron. The cheque will be presented by Cartier. the jewellers, which is sponsoring the match and the duchess's visit. Major Ferguson, as well as being the Prince of Wales's polo manager, is polo adviser to Cartier, in which capacity he has joined the trip. During the duchess's absence, her husband, the Duke of York, will continue with an introductory sci-

ence and technology course at the Royal Military College of Science at Shrivenham. Oxfordshire.



Killer who taunts police had strangled girl victim

By Craig Seton

A TEENAGE girl who was kidnapped and murdered during a bizarre "game" her killer claims to be playing with the police had been strangled and her body kept hidden for up to ten days before being dumped, an inquest was told yesterday.
The inquest on Julie Dart.

aged 18, at Grantham, Lincolnshire, was the first time it had been revealed publicly that Miss Dart had died from strangulation with a ligature. It was told that she had been first knocked unconscious by two blows to the back of her head with an edged, heavy instrument after her abduction in Leeds on July 10.

Her naked body was found wrapped in a pink and white striped sheet, tied with twine, in a field beside the A1 near Grantham on July 19. Stephen Jones, a Home Office pathologist, said that from the partly decomposed state of her body it was likely to have been kept in a warm, sealed container, such as a car boot. It was also possible that it had been dumped only a few hours before it was found by farmworkers, as the grass underneath was not dis-



Julie Dart: body kept hidden for ten days

coloured. Before returning a verdict of unlawful killing, the inquest jury was told by Detective Superintendent Bob Taylor that 6,000 people had been interviewed.

A team of 22 West Yorkshire detectives is investigating the circumstances duction, from a street in the Chapeltown red light area on a summer night, and her murder. It continues to hunt a man whom the police are convinced is the killer and who has written seven letters to the police, the last on October 17, in which he has demanded a E140,000 ransom from the Leeds force.

A psychologist has told police that the writer is probably a psychopath but may appear ordinary to his family and friends. He has written of playing a "game" with the police and has boasted of his chances of success. He has also held telephone conversations with officers.

One letter contained inden-tations which proved to be the words "Mavis will not be in Tuesday, Phil". As a result police have interviewed 255 Mavises but want more to come forward. A laundry tag on the sheet in which the body was wrapped was traced to a defunct laundry in Coventry and was issued 30 years ago. That line of enquiry has failed to go any further.

Last night detectives ap-pealed for help to trace a red vehicle and an unusual brick, which could be anything up to a century old and which played a part in the ransom drop. The vehicle and brick are connected with a hoax bomb found on the side of the M1 near junction 37 at Dodworth in South Yorkshire on August 15. The police also appealed for information which may provide clues about the type of brick used to

Doctor condemns pain test evidence

A DOCTOR yesterday condemned the evidence of a back pain "lie detector" used to test a woman who claimed that her sex life had been ruined by a riding accident.

Dr Rajan Thavasothy said that 70 per cent of the problems Annette Durrant had suffered since the accident were psychological. Tests car-ried out on the Isostation B200 have been used to support Mrs Durrant's claims for about £250,000 damages

for severe back pains sus-tained in April 1987. The High Court, sitting in Birmingham, has been told that the machine has three hydraulic computer strain guages which send information to a computer, monitor-ing speed and strength and

printing results onto a graph.

Mrs Durrant had told the court that she and her husband Simon stopped sleeping together because of her painful back injuries. The problems eventually led the couple to separate. Her counsel used tests carried out on the Isostation B200 as evidence Mrs Durrant, aged 34, of

in her claim for damages. Leamington, Warwickshire, says that she will never be able to work again because of the injuries caused when she fell from her horse in a collision with a car. She is suing the car driver, Alexander Mc-Donald, a 57-year-old engineer, of Coventry, who admits liability. Damages have to be assessed by the court.

Dr Hugo Kitchen, an orthopaedic surgeon, has told the court that tests on the machine showed Mrs Durrant to be severely disabled. Yesterday, however, Dr Thavasothy, a psychologist, said that tests he had carried out on Mrs Durrant caused him to believe that 70 per cent of her problems were

psychological.

He said: "During the first few months after the accident she felt guilty about having to rely so much on her husband There is definitely a psychological component to her pain and these components were

He added: "I do not necessarily agree with the results of the Isostation B200 carried out by Dr Kitchen. He gave results after measuring the movement of the injuries. This does not take into account any psychological factors.

The case is expected to fin-

Guildford Four police 'branded liars'

BY RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

THREE policemen involved in the Guildford Four case were branded liars by the Court of Appeal and subjected to an avalanche of adverse publicity after the four's convictions were quashed, the High Court was told

The officers had yet to learn that they were suspected of breaking the law when Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, asserted at the appeal that their part in the investigation.

The three men are contesting a move by the Director of Public Prosecutions to resurreci charges alleging they conspired to pervert the course of justice by manufac-turing and putting forward notes said to be contemporaneously made in interviews with Patrick Armstrong, one of the four. The DPP is urg-ing three judges to overturn a decision last year by Ronald Bartle, the Bow Street stipendiary magistrate, that the proceedings against the police officers were an abuse of the process of the court.

Edmund Lawson, QC, said that it was extraordinary that the three policemen had been condemmed as liars before they had been told they were suspected of criminality. He emphasised that he was not criticising the Appeal Court or the Lord Chief Justice. The court had been left with no other option because of the way in which the case had been presented on behalf of the DPP, who had offered no opposition to the four's appeal agains convictions for the Guildford pub bombings in 1974.

Mr Lawson said that the allegation faced by the three before the magistrate was not that "they had put words into the mouth of Armstrong, but really that they had lied as to the manner or method of recording the confessions actually made".

After the appeal court hearing Thomas Style. John Donaldson and Vernon Attwell had been publicly branded liars and there had been publicity calling for the "coppers" to be put in the dock. They were being condemned as guilty of one of the most wicked crimes imaginable that had resulted in innocent men being locked up

m prison for years. Sir Patrick Mayhew. Attorney-general, said that the issue in the case, if it went to trial, would be whether the officers had represented their handwritten notes to be contemporaneous when to their knowlege they were not. That is what the Crown will have to prove to the criminal standard," Sir Patrick said. The judges reserved their

Universities look abroad for staff

By JOHN O'LEARY HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

Bird Aid suggest alterna-tives to a call. Protesters have kept a night-time vigil in the park all week UNIVERSITIES and poly-technics are recruiting staff to stop contractors shootfrom the Continent to teach ing the birds.
Welfare groups, including the RSPCA, Bird Aid German because demand from undergraduates is rising while the number of postand the International graduate students, who also Fund for Animal Welfare, teach undergraduates, is

Hutchinson: told police

head burnt in fireplace

Fewer than half of the 32 universities offering postgraduate courses have managed to recruit students this year, and only 34 people have begun research for doctorates. The decline has left barely 100 postgraduates studying German, causing a shortage of candidates for lectureships at a time when undergraduate courses are

A reduction in the number of grants for postgraduate students has coincided with new openings for linguists in preparation for the European single market. Those who have been accepted for doctorates are concentrated in universities where the emphasis is on literature, while most undergraduates want to specialise in linguistic and cultural aspects of the subject. Recruitment to undergraduare courses combining German with business studies or other languages has trebled. but demand for single hon-

ments" in the gardens of stately homes in the 17th century. They are now ours degrees has stagnated. considered native and Professor Martin Durrell. there are an estimated of Manchester University. 60,000 across the counwho last week hosted an intertry, and 5,000 in greater national conference on the London alone. Their numchanges in the study of Gerber is expected to double man, said: "Most universities by the end of the decade. would like to appoint some-

one in linguistics if they had the chance, but there is not the range of expertise coming through to fill those posts. I know of only three or four people who might be available in that field."

Universities fear that they will be unable to replace the many Germanists due to retire before the end of the century. Professor Eva Kolinsky, of Keele University, who has carried out a survey of German in higher education. said that 80 per cent of applicants for a recent lectureship were from elsewhere in

Professor Durrell said: "With the demand for places rising fast, there is the possibility of repeating the mistakes made in the 1960s. when a lot of people appointed in universities were not up to the job. After 20 lean years, there could well be a boom again, when we will not have

the quality people to cope." The British Academy. which administers postgraduate studentships in the arts and humanities, is hoping to stimulate demand for doctorates and improve completion rates by changing the structure of advanced study. Students would take a one-year taught course before enrolling for a doctorate, rather than committing themselves immediately to three years of

The new system, to be proposed in a report later this month, is intended to weed out unsuitable candidates.



Untidy sum: 60 million forged Dutch guilders, equivalent to about £20 million, found by police at a London house on Wednesday. Andrew Bourke. a barman aged 44, of Willesden, northwest London, will appear at Brent magistrates' court today charged with possessing counterfeit currency

Halford faces new complaints

By Paul Wilkinson

NEW discipinary charges could be brought against Alison Halford, the suspended assistant chief constable of Merseyside police, after she allegedly made late night telephone calls to senior colleagues and members of her

police authority. The calls were said to have been made last week soon after the authority relieved her of her duties for a second time. Her original suspension, imposed more than a year ago, was overturned last month by the High Court on

procedural grounds. Miss Halford was facing charges of being drunk while duty officer-in-charge of the force, swimming in her underwear and sharing a whirlpool bath with a male officer. Details of the calls emerged last night after a closed meeting of the police authority. They were allegedly made to Jim Sharples, the chief constable: George Bundred, the

authority chairman; his dep-

uty Harry Rimmer, and ano-

ther assistant chief constable. Rex Makin, Miss Halford's solicitor, said of the new enquiry: Those who the gods wish to destroy, they first drive mad."

The authority apparently discussed the alleged calls for two hours after receiving complaints about their content. Afterwards, members refused to comment on their discussions. A statement is expected from the police authority today after consultations with the Police Com-

plaints Authority Details of the alleged conversations are expected to be given to a deputy chief constable from another force who will hold a fresh enquiry into all the disciplinary matters.

Miss Halford was first suspended in December 1990 after a newspaper report about her alleged conduct at a local businessman's home. It happened soon after she began a sex discrimination action claiming she was repeatedly passed over for promotion to the rank of deputy chief constable. Her industrial tribunal hearing is to re-

Rugby lovers told to cool passions

By TIM JONES

RUGBY fans descending on Dublin for tomorrow's Ireland versus Wales international have been warned to control their passions for fear that amorous encounters could lead to Aids or unwanted pregnancies.

They have been advised that it is polite to at least know the name of their partners before indulging in intimate celebration. The warning follows find-

ings by doctors in the capital that the number of women seeking post-coital contra-ception after a big rugby occasion is higher than an any time, except Christmas. Dr Derek Freedman, of

the Irish Society of Sexually Transmitted Diseases, said that, over the past 20 years. there had been a regular increase in the number of patients after rugby interna-tional weekends in Dublin. "It seems a time when people get carried away with the fervour, and, of course,

the alcohol lessens the

inhibitions. Alcohol he said, was an important factor in liaisons that often led to terrible selfrecrimination when dawn rose and hangovers began. "People come to me and they do not even know the name of the person they had sex with. I think the mini-

mum courtesy you can give

to a person when you are

having sex with them is to let them have your name and at least know theirs." He said that rugby seemed to be a sport that was "unique" in bringing

out the fervour in people. A spokesman for Aidswise said the level of heterosexuals engaging in sexual in-tercourse on rugby international weekends in Dublin always rose significantly. He urged enthusiasts: "Practise safe sex if

you are out of town." Jon O'Brien, of the Irish Family Planning Association, said that people would have a greater chance of having safe sex if contraceptives were available from dispensing machines in

public houses and other places of entertainment, At present, they can be bought only from chemists or family planning clinics. Contraception has been

one of the most divisive issues in the republic since the state was formed. Not even the shock of a Weish victory will change that.

Dr Tony Brown, president of the Irish Rugby Football Union, said he was not in a position to comment on the moral behaviour of rugby fans but added: "We all know Aids is a horrific disease and any sensible medical advice must and should be listened to."

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Rioters had hidden weapons, guard says

PRISONERS in Strangeways produced weapons and masks before attacking prison officers and going on the rampage, the senior prison officer in charge at the church service at which the riot broke out told Manchester crown court yesterday.

James Bancroft said that he saw two prisoners jump under a seat in the chapel. One took weapons from the side of his trousers, and said: 'Let's do it."

Other prisoners had masks made from the sleeves of sweatshirts that they pulled over their heads. "They charged up the chapel towards us, up the aisles and over the seats," Mr Bancroft said. One man was waving two pieces of wood.

Mr Bancroft told an officer to give an urgent message to open the gates at the rear of the chapel. He said he was then confronted by Paul Taylor, one of the accused, who looked agitated and had his fist clenched. "I stepped for-

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ward and pushed him away and said enough, Taylor and he went. There was a lot of noise and quite a number of inmates I did not recognise. Staff were being pushed and jostled and one prisoner

was smashing a bookcase." Mr Bancroft, who was speaking on the second day of a trial in which eight men deny rioting and five of them deny murder, said he was then struck by an object. A fire extinguisher was thrown past his left shoulder and the contents of a fire bucket

thrown in his face. ael Mansfield, QC, for Taylor, Mr Bancroft agreed that for a considerable time Strangeways had held far more prisoners than it was certified to hold.

Mr Mansfield suggested that this alone had contributed to what were "intolerable conditions" for prisoners and those who worked at the prison. Mr Bancroft agreed that there were difficulties but said

about improving matters, introducing more work shops, extra lavatories and allowing

Mr Mansfield suggested that there was a long way to go. He quoted the conclusion of the Woolf enquiry into the disturbances that although there had been substantial improvements over the past two years, as far as most inmates were concerned conditions could be justifiably regarded as "unacceptable and inhumane".

more association between

'As the inmates told the enquiry, if they were treated like animals they would behave like animals." Mr Mansfield said.

Mr Bancroft said he agreed with parts of the Woolf report but he did not agree that prisoners were treated like animals. "I personally have never treated anyone like an animal and a great deal of prison officers don't either."

Royal car reaches end of the road

By KEVIN EASON MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

IT WAS a car built in Britain for the royal and the rich. But Roll-Royce craftsmen have fashioned their last Phantom VI limousine and it goes on show in London today to mark the end of decades of top-class coach-building.

The Phantom VI is a distinguished victim of the recession. The end of production will make it one of the most valuable vehicles in the world. Rolls-Royce is showing the last model to be made at its Mulliner Park Ward subsidiary at Acton, west London, where cars were hand-crafted from the most expensive materials by 500 craftsmen.

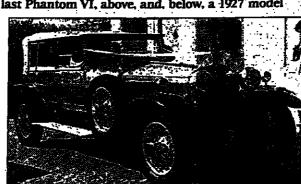
Rolls-Royce has closed the Mulliner works after 52 years. Only 100 workers have been retained at Acton to build bodies for the £150,000 Corniche convertibles. Limousines with the Mulliner badge, but not Phantoms, will be built at



Recession victim: the last Phantom VI, above, and, below, a 1927 model

Rolls-Royce's factory at Crewe, Cheshire.

The Phantom limousines. are more than 19 feet long - almost twice the length of an ordinary saloon. The Queen owns six, with a nominal value of £300,000 each, though at auction their price would be much higher. Rolls-Royce is keeping the last Phantom for posterity and a reminder of the remarkable work done at the Acton factory.



Two die in fall on Ben Nevis

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THE bodies of two climbers were found on Ben Nevis yesterday: The men, a university lecturer and a student, had fallen almost 1,000 feet. The Lochaber mountain rescue team found the bodies roped together at the bottom of Observatory gully, a climb that leads to the mountain's 4,406ft summit. One man had apparently slipped, dragging his colleague with him. Police said that the climbers, whose names have not been released, had set out on

a two-day expedition on Monday. The alarm was raised when they failed to

Sale delayed

The expected sale next month of Heveningham Hall, Suf-folk, has been delayed until late summer because the United Bank of Kuwait, whose calling in of a £3 million loan put the mansion into receiver-

Murder charge Kerri-Lisa McCammont, aged 17, of Crawley, West Sussex, was remanded in custody by Crawley magis trates accused of murdering Joanne Thoms, aged 18, who was stabbed to death on Wednesday.

Flood risk

The National Rivers Authority is to build a £15,000 flood defence barrier after badgers burrowed through an em-bankment on the Dec, threatening to flood Bangor race-course at high tides.

A. THOUSAND, farming jobs could be lost in the High-Peter Edward Heather, aged 25, of Staffordshire, was being held in Bangkok for further investigation after being arrested on suspicion of heroin trafficking.

- Farmers and crofters could be forced to work part-time and, in some cases, might be pushed out of business because of falling market prices. Revisions of the common agricultural policy could lead to many small and medium sized abattoirs closing

being disbanded, the report says.
The enterprise organisation, which attracts employment and increases training, said that the problem was beyond as resources and that more money was needed from the government and the

and milk marketing boards

Highlands

fears farm

job losses

By KERRY GILL

lands in the next five years because of European Community agriculture policy changes according to a re-port by Highlands and Is-

lands Enterprise.

EC to counter the effects. removal of trade barriers and increasing awareness of animal welfare, environmental issues and food "scares" would make markets more discerning and competitive. The report emphasised that agriculture was the most important industry in the region but was heavily dependent on

"The farmers in the high-lands and islands will find themselves in a radically dif-ferent economic environment," the report says. There are 15,500 agriculture workers in the region - 13 per cent of the workforce - mainly in small family businesses.

Drug suspect

Stately homes

Leicester city connail is seeking to have a row of 1920s council houses listed as build-ings of great historic interest, as a record of its achieve ments in public housing.

Singer attacked



ground and tried to snatch her bag in a street in Valencia, where she was on holiday.

Sewage success pool have attracted so many people that North West Wat

er is to create a £200,000

visitor centre there.

Vegetables thrive on salty diet

MANY vegetables crop more heavily if fed with common salt, the Horticultural Development Council

The council's research, reported in the Consumers' Association magazine Gardening from Which? showed that the yield of beetroot could be improved by 40 per cent if the soil were salted. Spinach yield was improved by almost a quarter, and carrots cropped up to 15 per cent more heavily. Celery, tur-nips, swedes, cabbage, cele-riac, kale, kohi rabi and radish were all likely to benefit from salt applications provided the soil contained ample potash. Their flavour was not affected.

The research will be a welcome boost for the sait industry, which has been caused some concern lately by medical researchers' warnings that excess salt in the British diet costs the country 75,000 dearns a year from heart disease and strokes. Salting the vegetable plot will be an additional use for salt no longer welcomed in the kitchen.

Other applications for salt include disinfecting cuts, relieving stings, cleaning burnt pans, mopping up wine stains and acting as anti-freeze. Adas, the government's agricultural advisory service, recommends that applications of

salt should be worked into the soil at a rate of one ounce per square yard at least a month before sow ing or planting out. Not all vegetables pros-

per on a salty diet though. it is said to be unwise to use salt on potatoes, peas. lettuce or sweet corn.

Gardeners are often the target of misleading information in advertisements

and catalogues, another Gardening from Which? report says (Alison Roberts writes). In some cases, it says photographs of plants and tools give a false impression of the product. According to the magazine, a Van Meeuven catalogue illustrated its advertisement for the lilac-

coloured Blue Moon rose with a photograph of a vivid blue flower. The brilliant red leaves of a birch tree in a Bakker catalogue turned out to be a dull purple on the real tree.

Names and descriptions of plants can be equally misleading. Plants in a Kays gardening catalogue were wrongly described as rare and offered for sale at a price which the magazine believes was inflated for that reason.

Gardening from Which? advises gardeners with complaints to contact the Advertising Standards Au-

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Loophole in bill provokes protests

Arts cuts feared if lottery takes off

By Simon Tait, arts correspondent

A NATIONAL lottery bill to raise as much as £3 billion would give the Treasury a a year, which would be dividloophole to reduce govern- ed equally between prizes, adment funding for the arts, the ministration and grants to National Campaign for the the arts, sport and the heri-

Arts said yesterday.
Simon Mundy, director of the campaign, said: "The bill has to specify that the proceeds are for capital projects, not for basic revenue which must remain the governnot for basic revenue which must remain the government's responsibility. It other categories. Mr Lawmakes no such distinction, rence has said that the meamakes no such distinction, and as it stands it leaves the way open for the Treasury to renege on central government's contribution with the excuse that the money can come from the lonery."

He said that local authorities were big funders of the arts but many were beset by poll tax capping and were being tempted to cut funding. The lottery could make them

feel freer to do so.

The private member's bill, which has its second Commons reading today, has been introduced by Ivan Lawrence, Conservative MP for Burton, and is sponsored by MPs from both sides of the

tage environment.

The bill does not specify how the grants should be apportioned, but it commits up to 10 per cent of the £1 stire is an enabling bill to allow ministers to act at the appropriate time without fur-ther legislation.

The Lottery Promotion Company, which has helped Mr Lawrence to prepare the bill, maintains that lottery proceeds should be used only for capital projects and en-downents. Mr Mundy said: "Unless it is in the bill, the Treasury couldn't care less what the Lottery Promotion Company says. An enabling bill is not good enough."

The Arts Council, the Brit-ish Film Institute, the Museums and Galleries Commission, the Crafts Council, the House. The lottery is expected Scottish Films Council and

the Weish and Scottish arts councils have written jointly to all MPs asking them to support the bill. The letter, signed by Lord Palumbo. chairman of the Arts Council, on behalf of the others, says: "Each of our organisations has shown that operational funding has supported vigorous growth over the years to the benefit and enjoyment of increasing numbers of the population. But such funding cannot begin to address capi-tal needs."

A meeting of the seven groups identified a need for more than E1 billion to repair and refurbish buildings and start increasing facilities. "Even the most cautious estimates show that a national lottery could provide strms in excess of £600 million annually. Such an injection of funds would be of crucial value to the cultural fabric of

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and his wife. Frances, at Heathrow yesterday after a three-week holiday in the Bahamas

Policeman puts promotion rebuff down to colour

BY PETER DAVENPORT

AN ASIAN police sergeant with six commendations and a certificate of merit for outstanding work said vesterday that he was repeatedly overlooked for promotion because of his colour.

Sergeant Raham Khan. aged 36. burn in Pakistan and an officer for 16 years. was ignored in favour of less experienced and less qualified candidates, an industrial tribunal in Leeds was told.

"It is not part of the case that he has ever been subjected to racial abuse or made aware of his racial origins by colleagues or superiors direct-" Rodney Ferm, for Sgt Raham Khan, said. "But the only inference he seems able to draw is that his racial origin has been taken into account when he has applied for promotion and so he has been discriminated against."

The officer, of Allerton, Bradford, had been a sergeant with the West Yorkshire force for two years and had passed his inspector's examination when he applied for the rank in 1988. The ap-

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plication failed and he tried again in 1989, 1990 and last year, each time without success. Mr Ferm said: "It has been known for candidates to never achieve the rank of inspector, but Sgt Khan was a

candidate of ability."

Although he had consistently gained high marks in his assessment tests, his appli-cations always failed at the interview stage. Out of 312 inspectors in the force, only one was Asian. Mr Ferm said.

Sgt Khan, who is based at Pudsey, was a detective with the West Yorkshire drugs squad for three years before returning to uniform. The tribunal was told that a colleague had written in a testimonial supporting one of his promotion applications: "Sgt Khan leads and motivates by example and junior officers go to him for advice in abun-dance. He is one of the most determined supervisors and would be equally effective at the next rank."

West Yorkshire police denies racial discrimination. The hearing continues today.

Appeals by £40m raiders rejected

BY STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THREE men jailed for a £40 million raid at a safe deposit centre in Knightsbridge, west London, in 1987 lost appeals yesterday against their convictions. Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, and two other judges ruled that the convictions were neither un-

sale nor unsatisfactory.
In the case of David Poole. who was jailed for 16 years, Lord Lane said that the judges were unsure whether to believe him or the police over the reliability of his confession. Poole had denied making the confession, which he said had been fabricated by police interviewers.

Lord Lane said: "We simply do not know whether the confession was made or invented." The judges ruled, however, that the circumstantial and accomplice evidence linking Poole to the raid was overwhelming, and that the jury's verdicts in his case were

The Crown Prosecution Service will study a transcript of the appeal court judgment.

Ireland worries about the losers

THE Irish Republic's national lottery has been an outstanding success, although there is unease over how money is allocated and over its use for programmes previously paid for out of taxes. There is also concern that the lottery is starving voluntary organ-isations of up to £15 million a year and that it appeals too much to those who can least afford it. Critics say it amounts to regressive taxation on the poor.

The lottery was launched in 1987. Since then the govern-ment has distributed more than £250 million raised by it. to sport, youth and recreation projects (45.4 per cent), health and welfare (18 per cent), arts and culture (28 per cent) and promotion of the Irish language (8:5 per cent). The main Lotto game is played by an estimated 62 per cent of the adult population. who spend an average of £2.50 to £3 a week. In 1990 it raised ES4 million:

Players buy £1 Lotto tickets from 3.000 outlets at shops, supermarkets and pubs. bearing numbers 1 to 36, from which any six are chosen. A draw is made every Wednesday and Saturday for prizes ranging from £350,000 to £3.3 million. The chance of winning the main jackpot is about one in a

An Post, the national postal service which won the contract to administer the lottery. also runs a scratch card game and a television game show which helps to promote the

There has been an extremely high take-up among the republic's small population, generating huge sums for winners — the biggest to a

£8m goes

down the

drain

Critics of the Irish lottery fear that its success may mask

the system's casualties, writes **Edward Gorman**

woman in Co Galway who won £1.9 million — and beneficiaries. However, there have been allegations that the government has used the distribution of Lotto funds as a form of patronage, particu-larly in the fields of amenities. sport and recreation.

At first the minister of environment decided allocations, causing protests from the opposition, who suspected the government of favouring its own constituencies. They its local MPs of funding decisions before they were publicly announced, allowing the politicians to reap the maxi-

mum political benefit. Decisions on allocations are now delegated to local authorities. Some opposition politicians believe that an independent national committee to which applications could be made would be the best solution.

Critics also say that Lotto was set up to pay for new ventures, not to subsidise exising facilities or schemes. A recent independent assess ment estimated that about half of Lotto funds were being used as replacements for Exchequer funding.

The voluntary sector believes that the lottery is starving it of £15 million a year Fine Gael, the main opposition party, believes that legislation should ensure that a proportion of funds go to voluntary agencies.

Law 'puts safe dogs

BY BILL PROST

AN ESTIMATED £8.4 million in coppers slipped through British fingers and torn trouser pockets last year. The £23,000 in coppers alone which went missing every day did not include the millions of £1 coins 50p pieces we managed to lose, the Royal Mint said yesterday.

Although sewer water regu-larly rippled with the splash of falling money, not all the coins ended up below. Some disappeared down the side of sofas and armchairs and could, in households where spring-cleaning was given a low priority, remain there forever. Beach and woodland picnics might have been costly affairs for the careless too.

Last year 977 million El coins and 670 million 50p pieces were in circulation. Two billion coins were produced, but, according to the Royal Mint, 2.1 billion coins dropped out of circulation. Most were withdrawn but £8.4 million vanished.

The Mint said: "Eventually even the coins saved in piggy banks and whisky bottles should be put back in circulation when times are hard. So, where the rest goes remains a mystery.

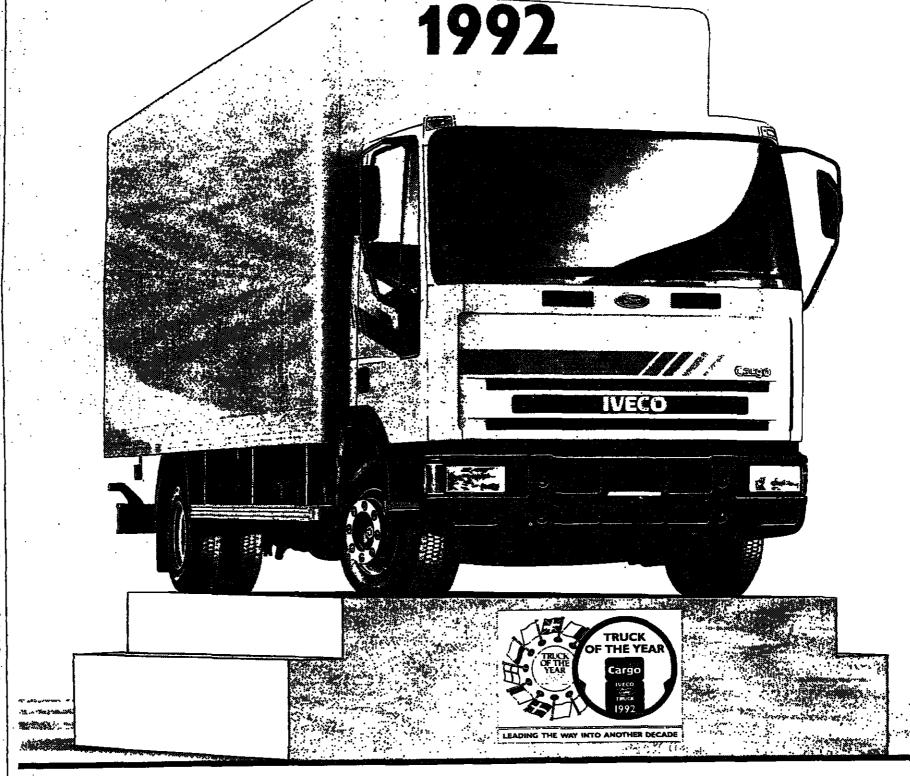
at risk'

By MICHAEL HORNSBY GRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

DOGS that are not a serious threat to the public are at risk of being sentenced to death because the law is too inflexible, the British Veterinary Association said yesterday. calling on Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, to allow magistrates to decide whether a dog should be put down.

The association urged Mr Baker to "inject a bit of commonsense" into the Dangerous Dogs Act, introduced last year in response to public anger over dog attacks. John Bower, a past president of the association, said that the group was fully behind the principles of the law but had understood that the most severe penalties would be reserved for dogs that posed a real threat to public safety.

In a letter to Mr Baker, the association said that any dog that appeared to threaten people, for example by running up to them and jumping up playfully, could be construed as "dangerously out of control", an offence for which death was the only penalty provided. Magistrates should be able to impose lesser penalties, such as muzzling of the dog or a fine.



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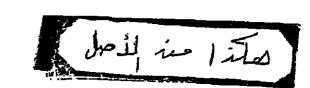
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Smith lays tax card on table

STAGED increases in national insurance contributions for people earning more than £21,000 are likely to be introduced if the Labour leadership, as is now expected, decides to phase in its taxation

John Smith, the shadow chancellor, confirmed yesterday that the abolition of the £21,000 earnings ceiling on national insurance would not necessarily figure in his first Budget if Labour was elected. At the same time it emerged that the most likely way of softening the impact of the plan to subject all income to the 9 per cent national insurance charge would be to require a smaller percentage from standard rate taxpayers

earning above £21,000. From April 1 the ceiling above which extra earnings do not attract NI contributions will be £405 a week, or £21.000. When the ceiling is abolished, as Mr Smith emphasised yesterday Labour intended to do, it had been expected that all income above that sum would

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Phased tax rises and national insurance linked to pay would soften the blow for Labour voters in the south, Philip Webster writes

also face a 9 per cent charge, helping Labour to meet its commitment to fund increases in child benefit and pensions.

However, senior party sources confirmed last night that earnings above £21,000 could attract different levels of national insurance, moving up to 9 per cent for the highest paid.

Someone earning between £21,000 and £28,000, the approximate threshold for the current 40 per cent top rate of income tax, might face national insurance levied at perhaps 5 per cent on the slice of income over £21,000. Some-one in the £28,000-£35,000 income bracket might pay 7 per cent, and the full 9 per cent would be levied on the highest earners, who would also have to pay Labour's planned 50 per cent top rate

of tax. Such a phasing plan would, according to Labour insiders, have the beauty of easing the impact on potential Labour supporters in southern England earning between £20,000 and

£30,000. Labour's Treasury team was taken by surprise on Wednesday by the strong emphasis being placed by Neil Kinnock and other shadow cabinet members on the possibility of the national insurance changes being phased in.

Successive policy docu-ments have referred to that option as a way of limiting the impact on family budgets, but front-benchers have neglected to use it as a weapon in response to the Conservative attacks on Labour tax policy. Some members of Mr Smith's team were known to have

way the Labour position on phasing was disclosed, because it gave the impression of a party run-ning scared in the face of the Tory onslaught.

Senior Labour MPs believe the episode has shown that the party should go into the election having given as much information as possible to taxpayers

Mr Smith was able yesterday to point to three policy documents which referred to the phasing option and which, he said, gave him the flexibility he needed as Labour chancellor. He said it was clear that the national insurance ceiling would go, but "there is a certain flexibility which is always wise for a chancellor to have".

Labour sources said that the money raised from the new 50p rate and the abolition of the ceiling would be more than £1 billion higher than the £3.5 billion needed to fund the child benefit and pension rises.

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Major ridicules reform proposal

BY OUR CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

the furore surrounding its tax reform plans.
In the Commons John

Major accused Labour of being in a shambles. He said at question time: Their muddled statements show you cannot trust them on tax. The only thing that is certain is that a party that promises to spend and spend is a party that would ave to tax and tax." Labour hit back by trying

to force the debate on to the economy and unemployment. Neil Kinnock said that John Major's unemthat John Major's unemployment record was worse than his predecessor's. Unemployment had disen by nearly one million in the time Mr Major had been Chancellor and prime minister "and still be refuses to do anything useful to stop that remorseless rise".

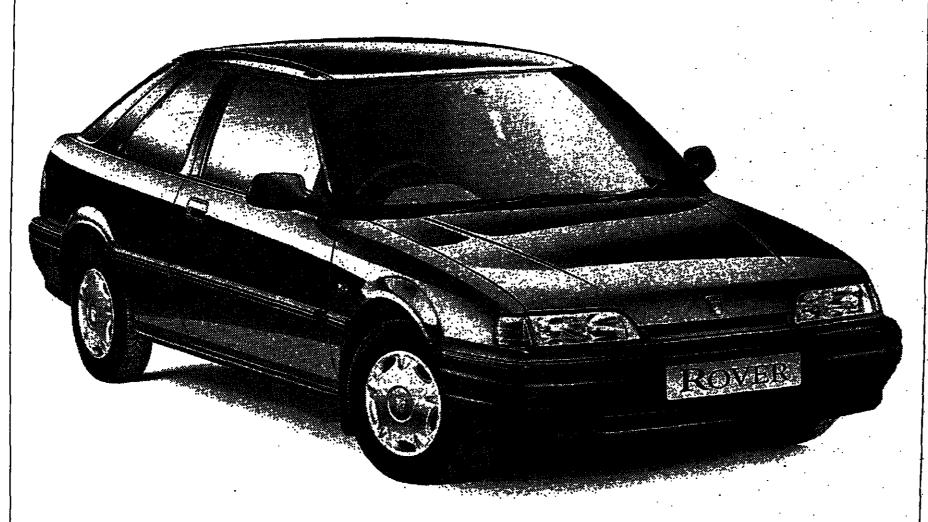
John Smith, the shadow chancellor, said that investment was down, unemploy-

TORY MPs seized every op-portunity yesterday to try to embarrass Labout over every week, "When will this companies were going bust every week. When will this government realise the depth of the recession their policies have caused and do something to stimulate manufacturing industry."

When Norman Lamont. the Chancellor was pressed to adopt Labour's investment plans, he urged Labour to come clean and clarify their own minds about their plans on nat-ional_insurance con-

On the jobless charges Mr Major said: Everyone in this House and beyond regrets the fact that unemployment rose. We are per-sisting with policies which will create long-term perand we have put these poli cies in place - lower inflation, lower taxes, lower interest rates. These are the only measures which will get people into work and keep them in work."

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Lib Dems attack monopoly on gas

By JILL SHERMAN POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Liberal Democrats would introduce legislation to break up the British Gas monopoly, Simon Hughes, the

The first stage of the plan, Gas 2000, includes separating British Gas's pipeline network from its sales and marketing operations and



creating a new privately owned pipeline company British Gas would be forced to sell off part of its existing pool of gas, which would open competition in the industrial supply market.

A Liberal Democrat gov-

The party would apply sim-"Coal should be a state-con-Hughes said.

AROUND LOBBY

party's environment spokes-

man, said yesterday. As John Wakeham, the energy secretary, intervened in the row between British Gas and its regulators by heading off an investigation from the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, Mr Hughes outlined a "fast track" route to a fully competitive gas mar-ket by restructuring British



Hughes: unveiling "fast track" to competition

emment would set a target for the company to lose 60 per cent of its industrial market share by 1997. It would then ensure that competitors could purchase sufficient gas con-tracts from the new fields to meet the targets.

Questioned on how a gov emment could meddle in the affairs of a private company, Mr Hughes admitted that legislation would have to be introduced through company law to enable the state technically to acquire British Gas "in order to impose new rules

ilar rules to British Coal. trolled asset. The government would invite operators to come forward and exploit different lines, to enable different people to compete." Mr

Britain

lures investors

Britain's tax and employment regimes are helping this country to get the lion's share of inward invest-ment into the EC. Gillian Shephard, Treasury minister of state, made clear at question time.

Latest figures showed that the UK received onethird of direct inward invesiment, more than any other single country. In 1988 9 62 per cent of Americame to Britain and 42 per cent of Japanese investment came here.

Case prompts rethink on law

Ministers are considering urgently whether a change in the law governing magis trates' courts is needed, John MacGregor, leader of the House, said. He was commenting on the stalling of efforts to prosecute poll tax

First aid

Britain is to provide £2 million for urgently required medical supplies for the former Soviet Union, Lynda Chalker, the overseas aid minister, announced. This follows her visit to St Petersburg last week.

Pools payout

Pools betting duty raised £303.9 million in the last financial year. Gillian Shephard, Treasury minister of state, said in a written

Cannabis plea Tony Banks, the maverick Labour MP for Newham North West, suggested at question time that cannabis be made legal.

Pact denied:

Reports of talks between the Tories and parties in Northern Ireland in case of a hurig parliament were "pure invention". John MacGregor, leader of the House said.

Parliament today Commons (9.30): Private member's bill: National Lot-tery Bill, second reading. Lords (11): Aggravated Vehicle-Taking bill and Sunday Trading (Amend-ment) Bill, second readings.

Champion of disabled fights for new rights

BY PHILIP WEBSTER THE most comprehensive at-

tempt for 20 years to tackle discrimination against disabled people is to be launched next week by the Labour MP Alf Morris. Mr Morris's pioneering legislation in the early 1970s to guarantee access for the disabled to public buildings has been followed by many other countries. He is bringing in a bill to outlaw discrimination

against people with physical,

mental or sensory disabilities.

The bill would make it illegal for disability to be used as a

facilities and transport. The Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) Bill - which is the first attempt to incorporate

the term and concept of civil rights into the statute book will come before the Commons for a second reading on January 31. The general election means a private . member's measure could only become law with the help of

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Readers asked to ransack their shelves to send the word to former Soviet republics

Britain books place in Russian hearts

A WAREHOUSE in London is expected to be piled high soon with books that will export British literature and know-how to Russia and its neighbouring republics. Book Aid, a campaign to send a million books in English to the former Soviet Union, yesterday announced its national appeal week, which is

supported by The Times.
The charity wants the public to trawl its bookshelves and, from next Monday, hand in books at more than 40 shops, from where they will be transported to the warehouse at King's Cross and sorted by volunteers for shipment to Moscow. Larger

donations of books will go directly to the warehouse. Book Aid hopes that donors will be both generous and discriminating in their gifts and hand in books which are in reasonable condition. Russian libraries already benefiting from the campaign have

National Book Aid Week is

from Monday January 20 to

Sunday January 26. Books may be handed in at Heffers, 20 Trinity St. Cambridge; Blackwell, 50 Broad St. Ox-

ford; H.J. Lear, Royal Arcade, Cardiff; Hammick's,

Farnham (both branches): and the following branches of

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Broadmead); Canterbury; Cheltenham; Edinburgh

(Princes St and George St); Eastbourne; Exeter; Glasgow (Princes Sq); Guildford (North St); Lancaster; Leeds (93/97 Albion St): Liverpool From Virgii to Archer, titles languishing in Western libraries can help the East, reports Matthew D'Ancona

found that demand is especially focused on environment topics, technical manuals. general knowledge, leading fiction and children's books. The charity asks the public not to donate books on obscure topics or of no interest outside Britain.

Roger Graef, the film-maker who launched Book Aid in September, said that Russian people hungered for books as much as they hungered for food. "We've reached the stage where there's a book mountain in the West. People should look at their bookshelves and realise that every single book is a jewel to a member of Russian society," he said. "They have freedom

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a fantastic job, because a girl

scientist of 50 can come to a

library and use these books."



Volume business: Bill McAlister, of the Book Aid committee, stacks books at the London warehouse

Marriage

in vogue Paris: The number of marriages in France rose for the third year running in 1990, and at nearly a fifth of the weddings, the couple brought their children with them. A report suggested that marriage could be returning to (Reuter)

Knight felled

Cardiff: A male student dressed as the Green Knight was taken to hospital after being stabbed in a mock duel at the annual dinner of the university Arthurian Society by a girl dressed as Sir Gawain.

Reading rise

Paris: The rise of illiteracy was stemmed in 1990, but among the 950 million people worldwide who cannot read or write, there is still a disproportionate number of women, UNES-CO reported. (AFP)

Swiss gamble Bern: Strict Swiss limits on gambling would be lifted under government plans to cut a spiralling budget deficit. (AP)

Street drugs

Arnhem: The city council wants to offer free heroin and methadone to streetwalkers in the hope that this would allow them to give up prostitution. (AP)

Tax the rich and live longer, says report

Where to take books

By Jeremy Laurance, health services correspondent

and poor were narrowed in an countries in Europe, ac-

The size of the gap affects is between Britain and Japan life expectancy in western countries, the study says, not the absolute level of living expectancy. Since then they standards. Once these rise above a bare minimum, exceeded by all countries in the developed world, they cease to have a further effect on the length of life. It is relative living standards that count.

In Sweden, Norway and the Netherlands the gap between rich and poor is small and life expectancy is high. But in the United States, West Germany and Britain the gap is wider and life expectancy lower. The evidence suggests that redistributing income more equitably improves the health of the less well off while having little effect on the health of the

better off. The study, published in the British Medical Journal, shows that those European countries which redistributed income from rich to poor between 1975 and 1985 -

Polygamy is proving difficult to manage for Papua New Guinea's recently knighted governor-general, Sir Wiwa Korowi, Sir Wiwa, aged 41,

who has two wives, is now at

the centre of controversy -and some domestic dishar-

mony — over his decision to confer the title Lady Korowi

upon his second and younger

wife, Nancy. First wife Sonia

is peeved. She believes that

she should also receive the

title and is supported by two

England cricketer David Gower is planning to knock

the bookmakers for a six with

women's groups.

PEOPLE in Britain would live two years longer, on average, if the gap between rich security benefits and allowancès - saw greater gains in line with the most egalitari- life expectancy than those

that did not. The most striking contrast income distribution and life expectancy. Since then they have diverged. Japan now has the highest life expectancy in the world and the most egalitarian income distribution of any country on record. Studies have found no other obvious explanation changing diet, health services or any other aspect of life — for its rapidly improv-ing life expectancy. But in Britain, the gap between rich and poor has widened since the mid-1980s and the death rate among men and women aged 15 to 44 has increased. Richard Wilkinson, a senior research fellow at Sus-

sex University and author of the study, said: "It is linked to the way relative poverty excludes people from the normal life of society." He said his findings might add weight to Labour's argument for increasing taxes on the

than 25 years ago for Wash-

appeal by the Rev Al Sharpton, the black activist facing state tax evasion charges. Judge Marshall, aged 83, who will bear argu-

ments with two other judges

at the 2nd US Circuit Court

of Appeals in Manhattan,

retired from the Supreme

Marcus Overson, who for eight years has managed the Smithsonian Institution's

performing arts programme, was named general manager

of the Spoleto Festival USA.

Mr Overton replaces Nigel

Redden who resigned last

year in a dispute with com-

poser Giza Carlo Menotti over the artistic direction of

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Mick Jagger's two young children visited their new baby sister, Georgia May, and mother Jerry Hart harms

Great Portland Street hospital, London, yesterday. Elizabetk Searlett, aged 7, and

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Supreme Court judge. Pulls on his judicial robes next panied by their nanny and a YOUR HOME IS AT RISK IF YOU DO NOT KEEP UP REPAYMENTS ON A MORTGAGE OR OTHER LOAN SECURED ON IT.

Green's Exhibit - his first venture into horse ownership. The batsman and his fiancee, Thorung Nash, met the three-year-old gelding yester-day at the Danebury racing stables, Hampshire Gower will race the horse on the flat in the colours of Hampshire cricket dub for the first time in April

Thurgood Marshall, retired both Scarlett, aged 7, and Supreme Court judge, puts James, aged 6, were accomweek at the court he left more young friend.

Yeltsin salvages his reform programme with tactical victory

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FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOV

BORIS Yeltsin, the Russian president, yesterday salvaged his programme of radical economic reform and achieved an elegant tactical victory for his government

over its critics. Mr · Yeltsin's victory followed a solemn 25-minute address to the Russian parliament, in which he defended the two-week old liberalisation of prices as the only way forward and accused a combination of former communist apparatchiks and black marketeers of trying to sabotage changes that were long overdue. Yesterday's parliamentary session, the

IN SCENES reminiscent

of the 1980s, when Soli-

darity supporters would

strike against communist

price rises, Polish workers staged nationwide strikes

first place against higher

electricity and energy

prices, but more funda-

mentally at "shock thera-

Factories ground to a halt, bus drivers parked

their vehicles and angry

crowds chanted outside

parliament. But this time

Solidarity supporters are

in power and the govern-

ment, led by Jan Ol-

szewski, the human rights

Yesterday's protests were dubbed "warning

strikes" and lasted only an

hour. But the organisers,

ex-communist unions and

a small group known as Solidarity 80, said that

unless there were policy reversals there would be a

general strike. The Soli-darity union held similar

warning strikes on Mon-

ket reform is being

has slightly different com-

plaints with the govern-

ment. There are also

strikes in the arms indus-

try which is threatened

with collapse since there

are few export orders and

the army has no money to

pay for purchases. Last

year, the Polish army

bought ten new tanks.

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py" market reform.

esterday aimed in the

first full session since the new year recess, had been expected to hear fierce criticism of the Russian government from deputies horrified by the effects of price liberalisation in their constituencies. Instead of calls for an immediate halt to the reforms and lurid descriptions of starving pensioners and imminent strikes. however, the proceedings of-

fered a spectacle of dignified There was no repetition of the rabid criticism of the government voiced earlier in the week, and few ventured to dissent in public from condu-

sions of Mr Yeltsin and his

downwards or even halved

this month, have appealed

to the Catholic primate, Cardinal Jozef Glemp, to

use his influence with Mr

Olszewski's Catholic-na-

The impact of the strikes

has been increased by the

apparent endorsement of

But it is plain that all the

participants in the politicial game are talking

on different planes. Presi-dent Walesa blames the

unrest on the slow pace of privatisation. But the last

thing that the strikers

want is faster privatisation

- they demand basic em-

ployment and wage guar-

antees. The prime

minister has some sympa-

thy with the workers'

cause and is aware that it

was disillusion with shock

therapy market reform

which brought down the

previous government and

put him in power. But

though he talks of exten-

sive welfare projects and

retraining for the more

ployed, he is also commit-

ted to keeping down the

This deficit over the first

quarter of this year is ex-

pected to reach \$1.6 bil-

lion (E941 million) even

after the cut in energy

subsidies. Last year, the

International Monetary

Fund suspended disburse

meni of its \$1.7 billion

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demands of its former sup-

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who voted it into power -

and IMF strictures.

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President Walesa,

Polish reforms

trigger strikes

The government is torn between the

demands of the people who voted it

into power and IMF strictures,

Roger Boyes writes from Warsaw

deputy prime minister and reform supremo, Yegor Gaidar. Mr Yeltsin, recounting his observations from his recent five-region tour, said that the move to the market was taking place in difficult conditions, "economic crisis, collapse of the union . . . the resistance of mafia-like structures striving to retain dominance in distribution, open sabotage and ideological opposition". For he most part however, he said that people were "gritting their teeth

manfully' manually.

Mr Gaidar offered the results of day-by-day monitoring throughout the country. according to which the mood in the provinces was generally peaceful. "The most serious threat," he insisted several times over, "is the threat of

As parliament met, about 2,000 demonstrators organised by the former offimassed around the Russian government building in central Moscow. Their posters reminded the president and Mr Gaidar that "in a market economy social peace is also a saleable commodity". Further demonstrations are planned for many other cities today, but earlier attempts to

call protests against the price reform have drawn little Illustrating the penury to which Russia has been reduced, however, the influential Nezavisimava Gazeta published a front-page head-line, saying: "We live as we did 45 years ago, perhaps even worse." The article, which was accompanied by a large table showing the deteriorating ratio between wages living standards had declined more than four times over since the price rises of last April and said that Russians were reduced to the welfare level of 1946, "when almost

hungry".

The mood of calm prevailing in parliament was explained by deputies yesterday as the result of more than a week of painstaking preparation by Mr Yeltsin's team.

everyone was permanently



Gaidar: "most serious threat is of panic"

Points of beauty: Bernd Lochner, director of the "Fairy Caves" in Saalfeld, Thuringia, eastern Germany, inspecting stalactites in the

Grail's Castle", part of the caves which have been cleaned and prepared for the coming tourist season, Kohl plays down role

of Bonn FROM IAN MURRAY

EMBARRASSED that Ger-

many is being credited with forcing the EC to recognise the independence of Croatia and Slovenia, Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, is now doing his best to play down his country's role. Last month, when EC foreign ministers unanimously agreed to offer recognition, he was criticised internationally for hailing the decision as "a great success for German foreign policy.

Now he prefers a lower pro-

"Exercising pressure is not the style of the government." he said in a television interview after the EC recognised the two republics. There had never been any question, he said, of Germany going it

At the same time, with vot-

ers keen for Germany to assume a more influential role inside the European Community, Dieter vogel the government spokesman, welcomed the fact that the EC followed the German lead. Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the foreign minister, claimed recognition was "a very well prepared, well worked out and thought through German policy," and hoped the Community would continue to follow "the common sense

German approach".

The desire for a larger say in Community politics is new. Until unification in October, 1990. Germans were largely content to adopt a low profile, in the belief that economic strength made political power and Greece, its southern unnecessary.

Recognition of rebel states leaves Belgrade in limbo

inside the borders where it

AS MORE states recognised Slovenia and Croatia yesterday, Serbia and the remains of Yugoslavia entered an international political limbo.

Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, flew to Greece to drum up foreign support for the preservation, in one state, of what is left of Yugoslavia. In Belgrade a senior Serbian leader insisted that an independent Croatia had to concede the loss of the one-third of its territories now under Serbian control. "Cro-

has power." said Borisav Jovic, Serbia's representative on the old federal presidency. He said the deployment of a full United Nations peacekeeping force in these territories would help secure them for any new Yugoslavia that may emerge over the next few months. "The concept of the United Nations de facto limits Croatian sovereignty in these areas regardless of the recognition of Croatia."

United Nations peacekeepers

atia's war zone and intends to enter the Serbian enclave of Krajina at the weekend. Colonel John Wilson, the senior liaison officer for the UN. said last night that his troops would enter the area whose leader, Mîlan Pabie, has rejected the presence of a peacekeeping force as a berrayal by Belgrade of the Serbian cause Colonel Wilson said that he had received assurances from the federal army that his men would be in no

danger in the region where

militia leaders have threat-

ened to fire on anyone who

Radoman Bozovic, Serbia's

prime minister, mocked Cro-

atia's independence as "pa-

per recognition" and said

that if it wanted to make it

rights of Serbs to their own

self determination, or vio-

lence will result". As Croatian

and Slovene politicians exult-

new-found status, their Serbi-

the European Community-

ied move. Mr Bozovic spoke

of building a new Yugoslavia as the result of "peaceful and democratic": negotiations,

but as Macedonians, Bosni-

an Muslims. Bosnian Croats

and Albanians from Serbia's

southern province of Kosovo

have indicated their opposi-

tion to remaining in a rump

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state, it was unclear how this

would be achieved.

tries to intervene.

Sofia lights fresh fuse in Balkans

FROM ROGER BOYES. EAST EUROPE CORRESPONDENT

ANOTHER fuse was lit in neighbour, in particular. Aththe Balkans yesterday when ens rejects recognition until it Bulgarian government in So- changes its name and abanfia recognised the Macedo-nian republic as well as the other breakaway Yugoslav states of Bosnia-Herzegovina,

Croatia and Slovenia. But Bulgaria significantly qualified its blanket recognition of the four states, saying that it would establish diplomatic ties only when conditions set by the European Community were met. On Wednesday, Bulgaria had announced unconditional rec-

ognition, becoming the first and so far only country to acknowledge all four aspirants to independence. Sofia's moves to recognise Macedonia angered Serbia

ed in their their republics' dons what Athens says an counterparts were at a loss territorial claims. to explain what they intended to do. Mr Milosevic has said The Yugoslav conflict could nothing while others have played sale by condemning

be contained as long as it was essentially a war between Serbs and Croats. But if it were to spread southwards to Kosovo, Bosnia or Macedonia, it could suck in the Balkan neighbours.

That is the danger posed by Bulgaria's swift move to rec-ognise Macedonia. Greece, Bulgaria, Serbia and Albania are all intimately involved in the republic's future.

Athens has been trying to dissuade Sofia from recognising the Skopje government. It argues that Macedonia exists only as a geographical term.

'found' FROM TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE AND ANNE MCELVOY IN ZAGREB Oklahoma City: Clyde Snow, a scientist who helped to idenwill begin work today in Crotify the body of Josef Mengele, the Nazi, now claims he may have found the remains of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid in Bolivia,

> ber 1908. Mr Snow, a forensic anthropologist, says that he is "guardedly optimistic" that the bones uncovered in a cemetery in the Andean village of San Vicente last month are those of the Ameri-

where the two are said to have

died in a shootout in Novem-

Butch and

Sundance

Soldiers shot Madrid: Two soldiers were

can outlaws. (AP)

Basque separatists in Barce-lona. The killings brought the ed by terrorists in the city, which is soon to host the Olympic Games, to three in the past eight days.

back

julf

bier

Spy pilot found Secul: The body of the pilot of a US air force U2 spy plane that disappeared on Wednesday off the coast of South Korea has been found in waters off the eastern coastal town of Kosong, the South

Korean Yonhap news agency

Death penalty

said. (Reuter)

Havana: Cuba's supreme court has upheld death sentences on two of three armed Cuban exiles from America captured on December 29 and convicted of planning terrorist attacks. The third man's sentence was commut-

ed to 30 years in jail. (Reuter)

Crash blame Zurich: Faulty navigation equipment and "inappropri-ate" conduct by the pilots caused the crash in 1990 of an Italian airliner near Zurich in which all 46 people on board died, the federal transport department said in pre-

iminary findings. (Reuter) **Ghosts depart**

Taipet: Taiwan's Nationalist government, which still claims to be the rightful ruler of China, has disbanded a ghost government" whose job was to reconstruct north-western China after the Taiwanese reconquered the mainland. (Reuter)

Equal wrongs

Rome: A police raid on the Naples mafia, or Camorra, has revealed that several of its leaders are women standing in for jailed husbands or lovers. Police said it was the first time so many women had been found to be in senior gang roles. (Reuter)

Battle widens

Nairobi: Inter-clan fighting that has devastated the Somali capital. Mogadishu, has spread to the north of the country. Aid workers in the area said yesterday that about 80,000 people have fled batties in Burao that have left at

least 500 dead. Cover story

Brussels: Greenpeace activists covered up anti-car slogans they had emblazoned on car advertisements across Belgium after a court ordered them to do so within 60 hours or face a fine of £4,300 per sign. Car manufacturers had

taken legal action. (Reuter)

Scandal of sex slaves blights visit

BY DAVID WATTS **DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT**

KIICHI Miyazawa, Japan's prime minister, offered a new apology to South Korea yesterday amid growing protests and the announcement of a government enquiry concerning the second world war exploitation of primary school girls by the imperial

army.

The eruption of emotion over the use of "comfort girls" by the Japanese threatens to overshadow Mr Miyazawa's visit to South Korea which began vesterday. The main issues on his first overseas trip as prime minister include that of South Korea's bailooning trade deficit with Japan now running at almost \$9 billion (£5.2 billion) a year, or

3 per cent of GNP.

The visit, which is intended to help set the stage for a new. post-Soviet Union role for Japan in the Pacific, is also being undermined by the weakening of Mr Miyazawa's political power base at home because of a scandal. The Japanese press yesterday claimed a fourth politician in the ruling Liberal Democratic party received funds from a property developer. An aide admitted accepting money on

At a banquet given by President Roh Tae Woo, Mr Miyawaza aplogised for the "suffering and sorrow" that imperial rule had caused.

US marks end of its war in Salvador

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

symbolism and attended by dignitaries from all over the Americas, guerrillas and government leaders of El Salvador met yesterday in Mexico City to put a formal end to their 12-vear civil war. James Baker, the American

IN A ceremony heavy with

secretary of state and Boutros Boutros Chali, United Nations secretary-general, were among leaders who welcomed the signature of the El

DOUGLAS Hurd, the for-

eign secretary, told Indian

ministers yesterday that Brit-

ain had clear evidence of Pa-

kistani involvement in the

violence in Kashmir and that

the Islamabad government

had been told that it should

But at the same time Mr

Hurd, visiting India for two

days of talks, made it clear

that there was deep concern

about human rights abuses

by security forces in the Kash-

mir valley. He told ministers

that Amnesty International

should be allowed to visit the

valley and produce a full

Mr Hurd's visit is aimed at

forging a stronger relation-

ship with India at a time

when Delhi is seeking new

international ties after the

collapse of the Soviet Union.

for several decades its closest

stop interfering.

героп.

Salvador peace accords as the start of a promising new chapter in a region that has seen about 200,000 people killed in civil conflict over the past 15 years.

For America, the 90-page treaty, hammered out in New York over the past three weeks and signed in the colonial Chapultepec castle, overlooking central Mexico City, puts an end to one of the most painful, and for many Americans disgraceful, chapters in its recent foreign policy.

After President Reagan decreed El Salvador to be a battleground against communist aggression, Washington spent \$4 billion (£2.3 billion) bolstering its government and armed forces that were notorious for mass murder and other human rights abuses. Mr Baker was due to fly on for his first trip to San Salvador and to Nicaragua.

Hurd voices Kashmir concern FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

> minister, to accept a proposal by the United States for fivenation talks in Washington on establishing a nuclear-free zone in south Asia. The pro-States, Pakistan, India, Chi-

ally. The foreign secretary is can initiative. believed to have praised India's announcement of parliamentary and state assembly elections in Punjab on

February 19, aimed at ending direct rule from Delhi. The most delicate part of the visit comes today when he will seek to persuade P.V. Narasimha Rao, the prime

AKISTAN

Lahore

posal for a summit, which would involve the United na and Russia, is similar to one put forward by Nawaz Sharif, the Pakistani prime minister. India rejected that proposal, no doubt because of its source, even though it almost certainly was the result of a behind-the-scenes Ameri-

Like the United States. Britain accepts that neither India nor Pakistan is likely to sign the nuclear non-proliferation treaty. Attention has therefore shifted to a regional pact. There is concern in the West that India and Pakistan might accelerate their nucthe scene of that other American-financed civil war of the Eighties. "It is an occasion for celebration and also an occasion for securing peace." Mr Although bitterness and

hatred remain fierce in dense-

ly populated El Salvador, the peace accord is supported by all sides as the only possible solution to a stalemated war that has claimed 75,000 lives since 1980. Its main feature is a redistribution of power. Under its terms, 1,000 UN police officers and troops will monitor a ceasefire, starting on February I, between the armed forces and the guerrillas of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN), a battle-hardened rebel army with about 8,000 men and women under arms

The rebels have agreed to dismantle their military forces in five stages up to October 31 while the government is to legalise the front as a political movement. The armed forces will be cut by half over two years and face radical revision of their role.

terday. Robert White, who served as President Carrer's ambassador to El Salvador, recalled that Alexander Haig. who was then secretary of state, had told President Reagan in 1981, "Mr President, this is one you can win." Mr White said. "It took ten years, 75.000 murdered people and a million Salvadoran emigrants to prise American policy loose from

Reviewing the accords yes-



Emotional experience: James Hendrix, Jimi's father, with band member Noel Redding

Rock music legends enter hall of fame

FROM REUTER IN NEW YORK

THE Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame inducted 12 musical legends into its ranks yesterday, including guitarist Jimi Hendrix, the late promoter Bill Graham, Country and Western singer Johnny Cash and a slew of blues artists.

The Hall of Fame, started in 1986, brought in bluesmen Elmore James, Professor Longhair and Bobby "Blue" Bland, songwriter Doc Pomus and soul stars Sam Moore and Dave Prater. The Yardbirds, Booker T. & the MG's. Motown's Isley Brothers, and the late guitar-maker Leo Fender were also inducted before a

audience of over 500 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel Billy Joel was on hand with wife Christie Brinkley to present the award to Moore. Keith Richards, inducted. in 1989, posthumously honoured Fender, whose designs for guitars changed their sound forever.

behalf of an MP.

Fears of a nuclear war in the Middle East gain credence



Gorbachev: wanted

A FUTURE war in the Middle East is unlikely to be fought with conventional weapons alone, according to a report on the Gulf war by the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies yesterday. That could be the price of failing to negotiate lasting peace in

the region, the report said. Despite the defeat of Iraq and hopes of democratic reform among the principal actors in the Middle East, the region still remained "fossilised" in the old order. Essentially, the root causes of political instability in the Gulf are just as strong as they have been for the last three decades," the report said. The West hoped that the

Experts say the root causes of instability in the Gulf are just as strong as they have been for the past three decades, Michael Evans reports

crushing military defeat of Iraq would have led to a new. democratic government in Baghdad. That would have acted as a catalyst for political change in the rest of the region, but the opposite had happened. An unrepentant President Saddam Hussein was still in power and the Iraqi army retained a potential offensive capability with more than 2,000 tanks and 350,000 troops.

The Gulf war, which di-

minished the tragi threat for the foresecable future, had bought time. Roland Dannreuther, author of the report said. The overwhelming allied victory also acted as a deterrent against putative military challenges to Westem interests.

In the long term, however. the pattern of destabilising political upheavals in the Middle East was likely to continue. Saddam had made sure that the situation inside

unresolved. One negative consequence of the war was that "the desire of developing countries to obtain advanced sophisticated weaponry and to develop a nuclear capanility has been considerably increased". adhere to limited military

The West now had to accept that the lack of political progress towards peaceful coexistence in the region meant that a sustainable secunity system had to depend on a strictly military balance, based "on a triangular equilibrium between Iraq, Iran

and the Arabian peninsula". The report said the manner in which the war was waged and then terminated by President Bush on Febru-

had been routed, "demystified" some of the ambiguities surrounding the intentions of the Bush administration. The refusal to countenance marching on to Baghdad revealed a political resolve to

Saddam's survival and continued deliance were embarrassing for strategic and political reasons. The Iraqi leader's survival was a constant affront to the victory of the allied forces in Kuwait. However, an extension of the allied war aims to include the occupation of Iraq would have created "a storm of

international protest ... and

would have confirmed the

ican policy". The report said: "The con-

tinued slaughter of Iraqi soldiers would also have provided explosive material for the international press."

Had American troops marched to Baghdad, before long America would have been engaged in an internal power struggle "that it could not control". There was also concern

about retaining the support of the then Soviet Union in the international campaign against Iraq. From the be-Soviet Union viewed the Iraqi aggression as an historic opportunity to demonstrate its dedication to in-

mitment to the "new thinking" outlined by former President Gorbachev, the report said. However, one of the fundamental tenets of Mr Gorbachev's new thinking was the conviction that regional disputes should be

resolved by negotiation. The allied decision to begin offensive action was eventually supported by the Soviet Union. But there was considerable unease in Moscow over the intensity of the American-led anacks deep inside Iraq, the report said.

The Gulf Conflict: A Political and Strategic Analysis by Roland Dannreuther (Brassey's for the 1188: 59 50).

Setback to the peace negotiations

Collapse of Israeli cabinet threatened

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

ISRAEL's government came through, Yitzhak Shamir, the a step closer to collapse yesterday when a second right-wing party vowed to pull out of the coalition in protest at the Arab-Israeli peace talks, which limped to an inconclu-

The tiny, ultra-nationalist Moledet party, whose leader Rehavam Zeevi advocates the mass deportation of Palestinians from the occupied territories, announced it would submit its resignation at the weekly cabinet meeting on Sunday. Mr Zeevi, a minister without portfolio whose party has two members in the Knesset, acted after the extremist Tehiya party, with three MPs, announced similar plans at a meeting on Wednesday night.

If the resignations go

Cheney.

hits back

at Gulf

doubters

By MARTIN FLETCHER

THE first anniversary of the Gulf war was marked yester-

day by White House condem-

nation of "revisionists" who

were detracting from a mili-

tary victory that was sup-

nosed to be President Bush's

White House spokesman, de-

clared: "We take great pride

in this first anniversary." All

the original objectives had

been met. Kuwait was free,

the world's oil supplies were

assured. Iraq was "weak and

isolated", the United Nations

was strengthened. Middle

East peace talks were under

way, and all American hos-

I'm amazed," said Rich-

tages in Lebanon were free.

ard Cheney, the defence sec-

retary, in one of a series of

television interviews designed

to put the best gloss on the

war. "Here we are, a year

after one of the most signifi-

cant military operations in

history, one of the most suc-

cessful, and everybody's find-

ing ways to nitpick it or

second-guess the decisions that were made."

Mr Cheney insisted that

President Saddam Hussein

would be overthrown "in the

not too distant future". Mr

Fitzwater said the Iraqi dicta-

tor was "by every measure . . .

in a greatly weakened pos-

ition", and pledged America

would ensure Iraq remained

a "pariah among nations" until he was removed.

But, as The Wall Street

Journal wryly observed, "the

White House's political woes

raise the bizarre possibility

that, despite his crushing de-

feat, Saddam Hussein acmal-

ly could outlast his nemesis.

further American military ac-

tion to remove Saddam. Sanctions were "the strongest

force we have, and we intend to stick with them", he said.

But the Pentagon is believed

to have drawn up contingen-

cy plans to support a coup

attempt and the American

support for Iraqi opposition

groups is likely to be

Mr Fitzwater staunchly de-

fended Mr Bush against criti-

cism that he had ended the

war prematurely. To have pressed on to Baghdad to

remove Saddam without UN

authorisation "would have

expanded.

Mr Fitzwater discounted

George Bush, in power".

Marlin Fitzwater, the

greatest electoral asset.

prime minister, faces heading a minority government with only 59 members in the Knesset, two short of a majority in the 120-seat house. A collapse is expected to lead to talks between Likud and the opposition Labour party to agree to hold early elections, likely to take place in May or

The most immediate effect of the collapse is likely to be felt at the peace talks, where Israel has reached a crucial stage in its contacts with Palestinian negotiators on the future of the occupied territories, the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and its 1.8 million Palestinian inhahitants.

Although they broke up inconclusively in Washington yesterday, when the Israeli

Attempt to

widen role

of German

army fails

FROM IAN MURRAY

THE German government tried and failed yesterday to

change the constitution to al-

low the army to take part in

operations similar to last

year's United Nations-backed

During a stormy, two-hour

debate, Gerhard Stoltenberg,

the defence minister, pleaded

in vain for the Bundestag to

give the two-thirds majority

needed to change the Basic

Law so that German troops

could serve outside Nato's

area. He produced a report.

drawn up by an independent

commission, recommending

that the Bundeswehr should

be allowed to join in UN-

backed military operations as

well as any force serving the European Community's

The opposition Social

Democrats, refused to sup-

port any change beyond that

needed to send unarmed Ger-

man troops abroad as part of

an international peace corps

on humanitarian missions.

Without their support, the

government cannot obtain

the two-thirds majority of the

Bundestag needed to amend

the constitution.

main remote.

planned political union.

operation against Iraq.

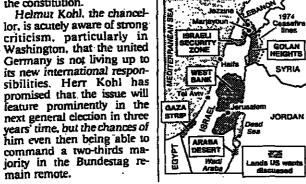
delegation went home, the Israeli team meeting the joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation is now poised to offer Palestinians limited autonomy. This move is denounced by Israeli hardliners as a prelude to the formation of a Palestinian state.

deadlock over the Palestin-ians' demands that Israel freeze all settlement activity in the occupied territories. The that this issue could cause the negotiations to collapse altogether, but the Israeli negotiators appeared completely hamstrung by the crisis in Jerusalem.

Ronnie Milo, the police

We will continue the process." However, political ob-servers predicted that a timeconsuming, emotionally charged election campaign would slow down the American-led initiative, particularly since the issues under discussion will become the central theme of the election. Al though a majority of Israelis support the peace talks, there is growing outrage at the

According to polls, Likud is likely to emerge stronger. However, the prospect of a new term in government may trigger a succession battle for a new party leader to replace Mr Shamir, aged 76.



A Wednesday night meeting of the Israelis and Pales-tinians failed to break the Palestinians gave a warning

minister, said yesterday that, even if there is only an interim government, it will proceed with the peace process. "We have to remember in the end why this government is falling." he said. "It is falling because Likud is going ahead with the peace process." with the peace process. There is no reason to stop the peace process because of elections.

spate of machinegun attacks by Palestinians against Jewish settlers in the occupied

To complicate matters, the election is unlikely to return a stable government of either right or left. Although religious parties are expected to lose some support as a consequence of the hundreds of thousands of largely secular first-time Soviet Jewish voters, any future government will still have to enter a coalition with radical and religious minority partners.





Cheer leaders: Iraqi women shout-ing slogans condemning American policy and praising President Saddam Hussein in Baghdad yes-terday on the first anniversary of the allied bombing of the Iraqi cap-ital during the Gulf war. In advance of more demonstrations today to

celebrate "victory" in the conflict. Saddam promised in a television broadcast to mark the occasion by buying no new clothes or huxury items for a year (Christopher Walker writes from Amman). The promise was seen as an attempt to distance himself from growing

THOUSANDS of Algerians.

many banging drums or play-

ing berber flutes, gave an

enthusiastic welcome yester-

day to Muhammad Boudiaf.

aged 72, the former dissident who is effectively Algeria's

new head of state, sharing

Mr Boudiaf, the head of the

new council of state set up to

run the country, looked fit

and tanned in a brown suit

and grey tie as he stepped off

a government jet at Algiers

airport, ending 27 years of

exile in Morocco. He received

a red carpet welcome appro-

priate to a head of state and

was greeted by Sid Ahmed

Ghozali, the prime minister, and Khaled Nazzer, the de-

About 2,000 people gath-

ered at the airport to welcome

Mr Boudiaf, whose patriotic

credentials go back to 1956

when he was among five Al-

gerian revolutionary leaders

who were captured by the

French when their plane was

forced to land in Algiers. He

was detained by the French

and after independence, fell

out with the uncompromising

Liberation Front.

policies of the ruling National

"He will be Algeria's de Gaulle," said Lamara

Abdelwhed, a veteran of the

war of independence from

Mr Boudias's native town of

Msila. "Mr Boudiaf will save

fence minister

power with four others.

postwar resentment against the privileged elite, who have been living it up with black-market dollars while most of the country suffers from hyper-inflation and severe shortages. Saddam has marked the run-up to the anniversary by strengthening the cult of his personality and threatening those who might rebel. Looking relaxed and healthy. Saddam had by yesterday appeared on television three times this week taunting his enemies, notably President Bush, whom he now calls "a poisonous snake" and "de

Cyprus pact still elusive

By MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE Cypriot foreign minister, George Iacovou. left London this week after two days of talks in which he urged the West to put pressure on Ankara to get peace talks going.

His visit is part of a spate of activity by the Cypriot government to inject a sense of urgency into the stalled United Nations negotiations, expected to resume next month. Nelson Ledsky, the State Department's special co-ordinator on Cyprus, said this week that a UN team would travel to Turkey, Greece and Cyprus in February for talks on a draft settlement.

The Cypriot government believes the new Turkish government of Suleyman Demirel is looking for ways to pull back from promises made last year by President Ozal. Cyprus says that Turkey considers Rauf Denktas, leader of the Turkish Cypriot community, as the chief ob-stacle, while Mr Denktas insists that Ankara is being

Despite a friendly meeting with Douglas Hurd, the for-eign secretary, Mr Iacovou believes Britain has been one of the European Community members most reluctant to put pressure on Turkey.

Veteran dissident returns from exile to lead Algeria



as a "unifier" the fundamentalist party and from corruption. He is a

The swearing in of the council of state is intended to fill the gap left by the resignation on Saturday of President Chadli Benjedid. The ceremony was broadcast live on Algerian television, which then transmitted pictures of women in Western dress singing patriotic songs. But leaders of political parties were keenly aware that yesterday was the date when the second round of Algeria's first free parliamentary elections were to have been held. The authorities cancelled the polls

Boudiaf: considered Algeria from the anarchy of

on Sunday.

The three parties who won

seats in the first round of the election, held on Boxing day. yesterday showed signs of setting aside their differences to join forces in protest at what they see as blatant abuse of the constitution.

Officials of the National Liberation Front held talks vesterday with the Front for Socialist Forces, whose leader, Hocine Ait Ahmed, was another of the revolutionaries on the plane captured by the French in 1956. On Wednes-day, officials of the National Liberation Front held talks for the first time with leaders of the Islamic Salvation Front, the fundamentalist Muslim grouping that won a landslide in the first round of the elections.

After running the country for 30 years since indepen-dence the National Liberation Front has gone into opposition against the military dominated authorities now in control of Algeria. • Cairo: America has delivered 12 F16 fighter aircraft to Morocco earlier than planned because of the troubles in Algeria. Military sources said that American military experts visited Morocco this month to assess the kingdom's defence needs after the Muslim fundamentalists' first round victory in Algeria's aborted general

Pretoria arrests extremists

Johannesburg: South African police have arrested 20 extremists from opposite ends of the political spectrum in connection with bomb and grenade attacks and the murder of policemen (Gavin Bell

writes). Seven of them are associated with right-wing Afrikaner resistance movements and 12 with the extreme-left Pan Africanist Congress.

Scud charges

Bonn: Two business managers and the head of the sales department of Thyssen, the big German steel company. have been charged with illegally exporting to Iraq in 1990 essential parts for Scud B missiles worth £665,000.

Arms deadline

Beirut: The Syrian-backed government here has issued a two-month ultimatum to all Lebanese citizens to hand over their light weapons within two months or face prosecution, in an attempt to curb a soaring crime rate. Army searches will be conducted.

King honoured

New York: Americans honoured Martin Luther King's birthday with appeals to follow his example of non-violence. David Dinkins. mayor of New York, said King would be disappointed to see the number of racebased crimes in the city. (AP)

Freed on bail

Dhaka: Raushan Ershad, Bangladesh's former first lady, was released from 13 months of detention after the high court granted her bail but restricted her travel abroad. She faces charges of corruption, misuse of power and nepotism.

Sex complaint

Johannesburg: Men in Swaziland have complained to trade union officials of sexual harassment by women bosses. A union official said he was investigating claims that women executives had forced male employees to work late so they could make love.

NEW HAMPSHIRE NOTEBOOK by Peter Stothard

Confused Malvolio woos recession-struck Elm Street

Following George Bush along the campaign trail is like watching an actor put on make-up and costume for a particularly arduous character role. He begins the day with calm presidential concentration, listening to disgruntled business executives as though they are prime ministers of obscure African countries. An hour later his facial muscles have loosened, his limbs have become more gangling, and he is almost "good of country music-loving George Bush".

been fraught with national He confuses Europe and Asia. and international disasters". perhaps deliberately, to show that The common theme of the he only really cares about home. American press was how He confuses his solicitor-general quickly America's domestic with his surgeon-general - showtroubles had destroyed the nation's postwar euphoria.

ing how his heart is in New Hamp-shire, not Washington. But he still does not do anything so vulgar as to ask for a vote in the primary election which takes place on Feb-

By the end of the day his arms are shooting around like the maddened Malvolio. His eyes are bright and he strings together meandering phrases about family values, Gulf war victories, Barbara Bush's virtues and his mistakes in office. "Don't cry for me. Argentina," he tells a puzzled audience of insurance workers. Only then does the now wholly transformed can-

didate George Bush ask: "Please vote for me. If next month's primary does nothing else for New Hampshire, it brings some much-needed revenue into this recession-struck state. The once empty shopfronts of Elm Street, Manchester, are now briskly selling politics. Bill Clinton, the Democrat frontrunner, and his bubbling student supporters are the new neighbours for the Renaissance restaurant.

Pat Buchanan, the Republican challenger, is a few doors away. doing big business opening cheques from conservative wellwishers throughout the country. Just around the corner is the Bush-Ouavle headquarters, more lightly staffed with fat-walleted fund raisers and a battered. stuffed toy elephant. Across the road Senator Bob Kerrey has tried to reinforce his image of youth and vigour by taking over a beauty parlour complete with showers. sauna and palm trees painted on the walls.

Sixty-two candidates are fighting this primary. Some have future political ambitions, others push single issues but most are spending their much appreciated money here for little other purpose than to tell their grandchildren about the time they "ran for president". Many think it unfair that New

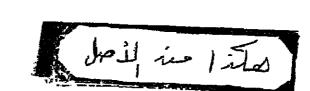
Hampshire gets all this business. Professor James Fishkin wants to weaken the hold of this unrepresentative state which has few of

the racial inner-city problems which dominate the politics of the "real America".

election. (Reuter)

He proposes that the media concentrate instead on his proposed "national issues convention" in which 600 delegates, demographically selected to represent the whole nation, are forced to spend several days with presidential candidates before casting their votes. Professor Fishkin has the backing of all ten presidential libraries, one of which might play host to this project in 1996. Not surprisingly, this does not play well on Elm Street.

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London Galleries: A new exhibition reveals unexpected aspects of the art of Andrea Mantegna, as Richard Cork discovers

Intimate tenderness amid the triumphs

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scoring the flesh tegna's bronze bust scowis down from the wall of his memorial chapel in Mantua. temporary accounts suggest, and his unapproachability is heightened by the sculpture's imperial style. Dour, remote and implacable, this is a portrait of the artist as a Roman potentate. The laurel wreath crowning his long, flowing hair only adds to the air of severity. Mantegna's downturned mouth would appear to brook no stupidity. and his laser-like eyes vie the whole notion of friendliness with disdain.

Positioned at the beginning of the Royal Academy's great Andrea Mantegna retrospec tive, a plaster cast of this grim-visaged effigy sounds an uncompromising note. He seems harsh enough to inhabit the rocky landscape depicted with such precocious skill in St Jerome in the Wilderness, the earliest painting on show. Still in his teens when this small, utterly assured panel was executed around 1448, Mantegna relished the unyielding austerity of the saint's locale.

Jerome himself appears to be hewn from the same material as the stony world he inhabits. Even the lion reclining at his feet looks up at him askance, as if in perpetual fear of punishment. A pair of wooden mallets dangle from a plant lodged in the rockface above. Apart from reminding us that Mantegna's father was a country carpenter, they provide the saint with a ready-made means of retaining the animal's

The same emphasis on starkness, amounting at times to cold aggression, runs all the way through the exhibition. In a tall, forbidding canvas painted some six years later, another compliant lion stands beside St Euphemia and, with lifted paw, closes his mouth gingerly around her arm. She refuses to respond to the fawning gesture. Framed within a monumental arch, Euphemia stares out with unshakeable hauteur.

She is as impregnable as the armoured St George who,



Bird on a Branch catching a Fly, a Mantegna drawing

archaeological exactitude to

stiffen his work with an

excessive amount of respect

In a room dominated by

grisaille paintings, restricted

for the most part to mono-

chrome figures in relief. this

love of painting as sculpture

reaches its zenith. The overall

greyness becomes unrelent-

ing as Mantegna imprisons

his objects in shallow, stage-

A preoccupation with virtu-

ous violence recurs, too.

David bestrides Goliath's

corpse, holding his enemy's

decapitated head aloft; and

the love-lorn Dido stands in

another picture before a

funeral pyre, sword at the

If Mantegna had content-

ed himself with marmoreal

displays of classical learning

alone, the exhibition would

be a heartless affair. But other

paintings testify to a far less

ready for a suicidal thrust.

like spaces.

painting, stands triumphantly over the dragon's carcass. Like Euphemia, he occupies a marble casement which qualities. Both the polished breastplate and the chainmail beneath are depicted with absolute verisimilitude. Even his halo is as hard as a

copper disc glinting in the The hilly landscape behind the saint recedes persuasively into space, proving how well Mantegna had mastered the new Quattrocento passion for perspective. It serves as a foil for the stillness and solidity of the foreground figure, whose poised body presides over the

scene like a statue on a plinth.

Mantegna's passion for lapidary surfaces was undoubtedly boosted by the classical sculpture abounding in his native Padua. He shared with his teacher, Francesco Squarcione, a limitless appetite for Roman ruins and artefacts. No Renaissance

numbing range of emotions, and undermine the image painter was more ardent in his pursuit of the Antique, projected in his bronze bust. The largest of the grisailles, in a subsequent jewel-like and sometimes he allows a panoramic scene devoted to The Introduction of the Cult of Cybele in Rome, explodes in an inferno of leaping, flame-like colour behind the cavalcade of coolly carved figures. Mantegna wielded gravitas in order to control a volcanic intensity of feeling.

> erupt, the outcome is all the more powerful and surprising. In a small panel depicting the Descent into Limbo. Christ stands near the edge of a black cave leading down to hell. Mantegna's brother-inlaw Giovanni Bellini painted a closely-related version of the

And when he allows it to

blow flames through trumpets. But they are far less awesome than the sense of a void in Mantegna's painting.

Here the cave becomes more engulfing, and a mysterious gale rushes upwards from the depths with enough force to blow Christ's draperies into a frenzy of convoluted folds. The blast also assists the miraculous emergence of the bearded man who, impelled by Christ's magnetic presence, stretches out both arms in wondering gratitude towards his saviour.

Mantegna's instinct for the dramatic significance of an event surfaced early in his career. A youthful painting of the Adoration of the Shepherds is enlivened by the reaction of the two gnaried peasants. Kneeling beside the ypically rocky plateau where the baby lies, they gaze down at him with a fervour bordering on outright astonishment. Their flabbergasted faces are far removed from the conventional piety so often depicted in such scenes. They crane forward, eager to examine the infant but animated as well by a strain of disquiet.

The dark-haired shepherd is particularly agitated, parting his mouth in a mixture of excitement and alarm. Mantegna uses him to convey not only the joy attending the advent of Christ, but also a presentiment of the martyrdom to come.

his consciousness of inescapable danger informs even the most idyllic of his virgin and child paintings. Here Mantegna demonstrates just how tender he could be, especially when he focuses on mother and infant without any distraction from attendant figures. In a superb little canvas from Berlin, the woman has swathed the sleeping boy in her brocaded veil. It encircles them both. and while one protective hand clasps his body, the other supports the head.

No maternity image could be more intimate and profound. She leans her cheek against his hair, absorbed in the completeness of their union. But her unsentimental solemnity carries a hint of sadness. Her son is wrapped in swaddling clothes, which enclose his body so tightly that they appear to prophesy the deathly constriction of a winding-sheet.

The most moving of all Mantegna's responses to this theme is found in a grand and masterful engraving. Since his art rests on a foundation of wiry, defining line, he was able to invest this print with overwhelming conviction.

Seated simply on the floor and shorn of either a halo or any other sacred symbol, the virgin cradles the child in her lap. But she also closes her hands firmly around him and presses his body right up

Unsentimental solemnity with a hint of sadness: Mantegna's Virgin and Child, tempera. circa 1465-70 parade from one end of the against her chest. Mantegna's command of essential room to the other. Restored to their original positions becontour ensures that the enfolded pair lock into a comhind a sequence of projecting pilasters, which enhance the pact. loving unit. secure in each other's bodily and spiriillusion of unstoppable motual warmth. Their isolation mentum, they look far more unified than in the Orangery in the darkness introduces. nevertheless, a feeling of vulat Hampton Court. The nerability. The woman's pose Academy's lighting militates takes on a defensive implicagainst a close examination tion, as though anxious to shining on the upper surface ward off the harm which will whenever the viewer moves near. From the seating which

Much of this outstanding survey is restricted to smalllines the opposite wall, they appear magnificent. scale images, with a subdued colour-range alleviated only ven the fading has by occasional outbursts of an attraction of its brilliantly orchestrated pigment. The final room, however, introduces a climactic transformation. Given over solely to the Triumphs of Caesar, the grandest gallery in the Academy is emblazoned with Mantegna's most ambitious and deeply considered series of canvases. Despite the grievous damage inflicted on them in the

one day assail the child.

past, these epic celebrations

of Roman might and valour

own, emphasising the seductive antiquity of a pageant remote even from Mantegna's period. At times exuberant, with trumpets blaring in honour of Caesar's military prowess, these complex images are by no means a simple-minded glorification of his supremacy. Bearers stagger under the weight of their trophies, and Caesar himself seems burdened by the responsibilities

Captives canvas has been excluded from the show, or the artist's compassion for the victims of war would be evident as well. Throughout the Triumphs, elation is life in south London in a countered by melancholy. Near to death when he cometed the latest of the series. Mantegna allowed them to be affected by his awareness of mortality. The armour, statuary, vases and elephants proceeding towards Rome testify to the loss of entire civilisations, and he knew that Caesar's empire would succumb to an invader's assault. Even as Mantegna savoured the splendour, he let his paintings presage the dissolution of all worldly

which are the conqueror's.

The severely overpainted

 Andrea Mantegna, spon sored by Olivetti, at the Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London WI (071-439 7438). Daily, 10am-6pm, until April 5. Admission E5; concessions £3.40. students

myself or anyone else for the

movie. It will last. We'll all be

Another hero in Yule's story is David Tomblin, the

film's first assistant director:

"I had the unpleasant job of making everyone's life a mis-

ery to keep it going. Terry had his fantasies to put on film: I had to judge when to

sponse, the troubles of Mun-

chausen were not over. Co-

iumbia Pictures was, to say

the least, less than enthu-

siastic in promoting films initiated (as was Mun-chausen) during the regime

of David Puttnam, which had

ended in acrimony, the stu-

dio spent only a fraction of

the normal marketing bud-

get on the film. The con-sequence was failure at the

Yet Munchausen survived

to become a cult in its own

right; and Gilliam's career

and artistry have not suf-

fered. For a subsequent

Columbia management he

has made the huge box-office success. The Fisher King. "Is Hollywood," Gilliam once

asked himself, "really about making movies at all?

"Or is it merely about

phone protocol, games with

riends, rubbing each other's

backs, cutting partners in on

the action? Are movies them

selves simply the necessary byproducts of the system?"

He was not the first to pose

the question. And he will not

box office.

ven when the film was finished and received an ecstatic critical re-

pall in the reins."

aggrandisement in the end.

by his own hand at the age of 24 in 1988, Higgins painted colourful style verging on the Expressionistic; his series of set of which was bought by the Arts Council, deals with happenings on a Peckham housing estate. Much prom-ise, but also already real

achievement Festival Hall, South Bank SE1 (071-928 3002) Daily 10am-10pm, until Feb 16. **ALISON LAMBERT: Classical** sculpture seems to be at the root of Lambert's work,

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mostly very large drawings in black and white. The term "drawing" hardly does jus-tice to their complexity, using collage and extra-heavy papers to produce an effect which is almost sculptural. The vision and the technique are distinctive.
Long and Ryle, 4 Islip Street,
SW1 (071-834 1434). Mon-Fri

10am-6pm, Sat 11am-1pm, until Feb 29.

ANTONI TAPIES: Since 1947. Spanish abstractionist Tapies has been almost as Tapies has been almost as important a print-maker as a painter. The 1991 series of "Monumental Prints", large in size and imposing in their imagery, receives its first showing in Britain. Also early drawings by Karl Weschke, distinguished German settler in St Ives.

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10am-1pm, until Feb 6.

ANDREW NORRIS: The Nat-ANDREW NORRIS: The National Gallery gave the young artist Andrew Norris unrestricted access during the building of the Sainsbury wing. The result is a series of highly formalised paintings, giving a fascinating non-photographic insight into the photographic insight into the building process, as well as making a highly personal

The Building Centre 26 Store Street, WC1 (071-637 1022) Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.15pm. Set 10am-1pm, until February 7. ORLANDO GREENWOOD:

This year is the centenary of Orlando Greenwood's birth; he died only three years ago, but stopped painting in 1967. Why is not clear. Between the wars he exhibited frequently and was very well reviewed mostly he critics. reviewed, mostly by critics who saw him as a bulwark against modernism. All the same, he is distinctly modern in his clear, Fauve-influenced colour and his characteristic visual shorthand for people and places. A minor figure, certainly, but well worth another look.

The Bloomabury Workshop, 12 Galen Place, WC1 (071-405 0632) Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, until February 6.

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Beefing about the baron's extravagance **David Robinson**

ollywood currently displays a morbid interest in post-mortems. Times readers have just been regaled with Julie Salamon's saga of the fiasco of The Bonfire of the Vanities. Now Hollywood is enjoying a new expose, Andrew Yule's Losing the Light, the inside story of The Adventures of Baron Munchausen, a film styled on the dust jacket as "the greatest financial disaster in movie history". The two books are very

different. Salamon was on the set throughout the filming of Bonfire of the Vanities, officially there to chronicle the making of what was expected to be a smash hit. Yule was investigating after the event, which has its advantages. The 30 or so participants he interviewed are no longer muzzled by the publicity interests of the film. They hope, moreover, that they will never again encounter the former col-

leagues they are discussing. Salamon describes a giant battle of egos in which all else was trampled underfoot: The Bonfire of the Vanities was aptly named. Terry Gilliam's Munchausen appcars more as a group of creative people working with dedication and childlike disregard for the political and financial struggles going on around them. Bonfire of the Vanities was an artistic disaster, Munchausen, although flawer wonderful film. flawed, was a

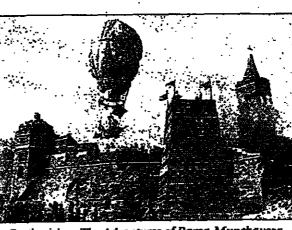
Gilliam fell under the spell of the Baron when George Harrison introduced him to

reports a financial horror story from the world of film production, now the subject of a book: the making of Terry Gilliam's The Adventures of Baron Munchausen

Raspe's book in 1979. Gilliam could hardly resist the Baron's declaration: "Your 'reality', sir, is lies and balderdash, and I'm delighted to say that I have no grasp of it whatever". "The film's about lies," enthused Gilliam at the time.

'It's about the greatest liar the world has ever known. It's about flying to the moon and meeting 60-foot people with detachable heads. It's about being swallowed by whales and flying on cannonballs. It's about dancing in the sky. In other words, a normal, everyday sort of Visions like this cost

money. Money, however, appeared to be no problem to Thomas Schuhly, a German producer who presented himself to Gilliam as the ideal choice for Munchausen, claiming credit for the success of The Name of the Rose among other career



Costly vision: The Adventures of Baron Munchausen In Yule's book most of the

misfortunes of Munchausen are laid at Schuhly's door. Although he prided himself on his contacts with celebrities, he had a knack of upsetting and losing members of the crew. His promises far outran fulfilment: and he was cursed with a manic optimism. which caused him to insist that the film could be made for \$25 million, when wiser heads said it would cost \$40 million. He moved the production to Cinecittà in Rome because, he insisted, costs were lower there: in fact production was more expensive. Before shooting ended, Gilliam and Schuhly were no longer communicating.

True. Schuhly could hardly be blamed for some of the film's other misfortunes, such as a storm that destroyed one set, stampeding elephants that trampled another, inoppor-

tunely incontinent cattle and a variety of ailments that hit the unit, ranging from renal colic to allergic rhinitis. The owners of a film adaptation of Munchausen made in Nazi Germany claimed rights to the subject and brought suit (eventually dropped) for a total of \$1,200 million; the present Baron Munchausen also

threatened legal action. Misfortune and mismanagement slowed work to a snail's pace: and the budget doubled, between August 1987 and September 1988, from the original estimate of \$23 million. The bankers and guarantors then sent in their bureaucrats, whose demands for script cuts, threats to sack the director and often capricious economies generally served only to increase de-

lays and costs. Against all odds the film was finished, thanks largely to Gilliam's obsessive determination: "I think my prio- be the last.

The case of the well-briefed barrister

Kate Muir meets George Carman, the QC with a gossip-column client list and a talent for the rehearsed bon mot

hen the going gets tough the tough bark into their mobile phones: "Get me Carman." Even if the name of Britain's most successful barrister is only slightly familiar, the clients of George Carman, QC, read like the contents list of Hello! magazine—Jeremy Thorpe, Ken Dodd, Norman Tebbit, Maria Aitken, Robert Maxwell and (this week's batch). Jason Connery and Kevin Max-well. On the opposing side, Sonia Sutcliffe, Arthur Scargill and Ed-wina Currie have all been victims of his extensive vocabulary.

As the only full-time barrister to ever appear on Radio 4's Desert Island Discs — the invitation to the programme's 50th birthday party is displayed on his mantelpiece - what is it that makes this man counsel to the stars? For, in the way that the rich must have Oucci luggage and stay in the Beverly Hills Hotel, they must also have Mr Carman

Clearly, the phenomenon could not be investigated by interview alone. Mr Carman had to be viewed in his natural habitat, in this case court 13 in the High Court on the Strand, in London. Waiting for the afternoon session to begin is a retired gent, who attends courts in the same way other people watch afternoon soaps. This is the best one on today, love," he says: "You're got Sean Connery's son and that Mr Carman."

That Mr Carman has been hired by Mr Connery who is seeking "very substantial" libel damages over a newspaper report which he claims branded him a coward who would rather kill himself than fight for his country in the Gulf war. The Sun and the journalists involved all deny the libel, and the case will continue until Monday.

But it is our subject's style rather than the facts, which is of interest. A surprisingly low, almost growling voice comes out of Mr Carman's small frame, making other barristers sound weedy by comparison. His interruptions slice through the waffle and snap the snoozing public gallery to attention. His cross-examination technique is described by col-leagues as "slow attrition followed by ambush". His neck stretches out and he aims directly at the witness box, like a homing device. His tone with the jury is intimate, giving the impression that only he,

Back in his chambers in the Temple he announces: "The courtroom is a forensic battlefield, and it is vital to go in there armed." By which he means that he considers the most important skill of advocacy to be preparation. "Preparation

always guaranteed.

Lakeland.



"The courtroom is a forensic battlefield, and it is vital to go in there armed": one of the hallmarks that has made George Carman a barrister worth at least £500 an hour to his grateful clients

is the intelligent anticipation of the issues that can arise, and the intelligent analysis of either the law or the human personalities that may be involved.

The second tip for the ambitious young lawyer is to have a commitment to the cause of his or her client and a profound belief in the value of the legal system. "One has to be a committed visitor to the shrine of the court," he says, becoming oddly evangelical. You cannot consider it as a job you do for a living. You have to think: I am making my contribution however humble, modest and transient - to something that is greater than any one lawyer, to a legal system providing a civilising

he civilising process is by no means cheap. Mr culated it in that way, is rumoured to be worth £500 a hour. However, he wishes to retain his right of silence on that subject. That is exactly what he has been advising his latest client, Kevin Maxwell to do when faced by a

somewhat hostile House of Com-

mons select committee investigating the missing Mirror group pension funds. For, although the Maxwell brothers might as well have been mannequins for all the interest they provided, the televising of the committee did give the punters a chance to see Mr Carman in action.

Perhaps he would be keen to continue such appearances - that one did, after all, result in fame in a Sun article: "With respect, 10 brief facts about legal eagle Carman." But he is keen to play down his fame and is quite against the televising of most trials, especially in the American style. "I was dismayed in the extreme to see how the Kennedy rape trial was conducted. It is something we never want to see here. It belittled the law and turned the trial into a

soap opera." reason why the Appeal Court (with no witnesses or juries) should not be televised in cases of public interest, "Of course the judges would presumably dislike it. but there might be some who would say that might encourage them to be more vigilant in their perfor-

'Rather like an actor seeking the challenge of new parts, I find it stimulating to tackle a case in a new area'

mance." Mr Carman is both skilled and subtle in being rude. His one-liners and ability to think on his feet are famed in the Inns of Court. Some of the best came when he successfully defended South Yorkshire police against an unlawful imprisonment charge by Arthur Scargill. Mr Carman said that entrusting the upholding of civil liberties to the former miners' leader was "as dangerous as

abolishing sins". He is fond of the Biblicalsounding phrase. Defending Jeremy Thorpe, charged with conspiracy to murder, in 1979, Mr Carman said: "He is human, like us all. We learn - do we not? that idols sometimes have feet of clay." In the Sonia Sutcliffe case. he said of the wife of the Yorkshire Ripper: "She danced on the graves of her husband's victims ... the truth and Sonia do not make good bedfellows".

Consequently, it is not entirely surprising to discover that the 14year-old George Alfred Carman decided to attend a seminary near his home in Blackpool, with the intention of becoming a priest. cut out for the cloth.

He is still fond of converting unbelievers and wearing long black garments and white collars. Only the backdrop has changed. Like any preacher, he does not go unprepared. The one-liners, he admits, take some work.

"I'm reluctant to give away all my secrets," he says, looking beadily around his room (exquisite Bukhara rug, mahogany table, genuine fake-coal fire) as though it is bugged. "It is often useful to identify the case with a hallmark. That sometimes can be achieved by a particular phrase which will stick in the mind of a jury in a criminal case, or epitomise the thrust and the climate of the case to the judge. The selection of such a phrase is almost invariably a matter of preparation. It never normally comes to me - as it might to others — as sudden inspiration on my feet."

Mr Carman makes it clear he got where he is by hard work as well as talent. Described by his colleagues as a workaholic, he has been divorced twice. At 62, it might be assumed he could afford years ahead with civil and criminal cases. "Rather like an actor seeking the challenge of new parts. I find it stimulating to tackle a case

Growing areas include that of fraud, and he thinks the courts are not properly equipped to deal with trials, like the Guinness affair. which can last up to a year and involve huge technical and accounting complexity. Mr Carman believes the solution might lie in specially qualified juries, or expert lay assessors who work

alongside the judge.

Another of his legal bugbears is the right to silence, which he brought to prominence again this week, and thinks should be enshrined in statute. The competing interests of the citizen not to testify against himself must be balanced with the right to interrogate people in fiduciary positions, he says. Other areas of the law which could do with a shake-up are reducing the retirement age of judges to 70. and allowing judges to set sensible ranges for libel damages.

Mr Carman believes change will come, but not quite yet, and describe the situation. "The English law", he says, adjusting his Garrick Club tie, "moves along like a great ship of state in all its majesty. But I'm afraid it has to be refurbished, litted out with modern propellers, and perhaps a new

As the nation prepares for another episode of televised lust in Lakeland, a doubting voice

There is, of course, no sex in the Lake District. Everyone knows that. It's what it's there for. Please Melvyn, not in front of the sheep school girls have been dragged on outings to Lakeland for the past 200 years, purely for their own good, to get any disgusting thoughts out of their smutty hands and heads. Real cold showers



the final coupling scene took place near the cottage I owned for ten years outside Caldbeck. I know the exact spot. Dear Melvyn often visited me there and agrees it was the location he had in mind when he wrote his original novel.

Alas, we now have it on the screen, with real naked bodies, flailing away. Luckily, no true Lakelander will believe it for one moment. Especially those who have ever tried it.

It's not just the sheep. always nosing around for any juicy morsels. There are wild ponies on that common, and bloody cheeky they are too. And strong I still have the dents on my car. Then there are the wizened walkers from Lancashire, the retired tweedy school teachers from the Home Counties, the Japanese party in state-of-



Love interest: Ronald Pickup (TV's passionate banker) and the Cumbrian countryside, where he loses his heart

the art kagouls, or Chris Bonington, who lives a couple of miles away, treading on you in full mountain

Even if you do manage a moment of peace and secusion, Wheeeeeee, it's a low flying jet with some leering RAF type waving encouragement. Probably taking photos as well, which he'll show in the mess, back in

No chance, folks. And I don't think there ever has been. Or has there? Remember what happened in 1803 in Keswick, when that artistic chap. William Hazlitt. came a visiting the Lake poets. He attempted a legover

situation with a local girl. then was hounded out of the town, taking refuge with Coleridge and Southey at Greta Hall. Did he get his wicked way? A recent correspondence in the Times Lit Sup suggested he did.

And what about the lilywhite Miss Potter. Is there not drugs 'n' violence lurking beneath the scenes? Paddy Pig definitely hallucinated on the effects of those toadstool tarts, no ouestion, and I bet you Peter Rabbit felt pretty high after the camomile tea. Arthur Ransome appears totally safe for all Boy Scouts, but I've always wondered about Titty.

The Blessed Wordsworth.

a legend in his lunch hour. sitting at the gate of Rydal Mount, greeting the worshippers, was considered by all Victorians as totally beyond reproach - and yet it came out. 70 years after his death. that he'd had an affair with a French girl by whom he'd

had a daughter. Today, perhaps it still goes on, but I have missed it. sitting in rural innocence in my new Lakeland hideaway near Cockermouth. Which just happens to be the town in the television series. In fact they used the real Midland Bank in Main Cockermouth

where a 54-year-old fictional

with a school girl. The real manager is 53-year-old Neil Jones, married with three children, and he would of course never do such things. He happens to have been at school with me, Carlisle Grammar School, proof enough of his integrity, but all week he's had to put up with silly remarks. "Every time i go into my office,

school girl with me." In the film, the manager has a rather lush Volvo estate. Mr Jones makes do with a Carlton 1.8. Bad research, Melv.

someone asks if I've got a

They filmed inside his office, as well as outside, and he says he was assured the bank manager falls in love

film would not be as raunchy as the book, being the BBC. "So I was most surprised. I thought the rape was over the top. My ten-year-old daughter wants to read the book but I'm not letting her. I don't think I would watch it again, if it wasn't for the local

eremy Winkworth, a

local printer, was in a Cockermouth pub. Rizzo's Bar, watching the first episode with his mates. and says it all went very quiet during the last seduction scene. "Then everyone shouted out the same thing - 'That's Caldbeck Common!" Collapse of all par ties, knowing the unlikelihood of such a thing. There was also ribald laugh ter when someone pointed out that one of the nearest fells, which the copulating couple must have seen, is called Great Cock Up. Go on, check it on the map. if you

There are of course impressionable outsiders who will think such high jinks are now commonplace in Lakeland, which might be no bad thing, helping the tourist trade in these hard times.

"We hope the series might attract more people to Cockermouth, Wigton and western Lakeland," says Lorna van Hove, the pub-licity officer of the Cumbria Tourist Board. "We've already had an enquiry about the possibility of a new business initiative on Caldbeck Common. Someone wants to hire out binoculars. Of course it might have

been a joke."
I'll be watching on Sunday for the pretty sylvan scenery of course. Anyway, the controller of BBC I has decided to replace a five second shot from the next episode, on grounds of taste. Bang goes the binocular

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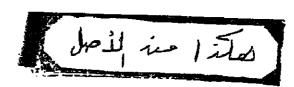


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Getting over depression

The Big Apple offers hope for slump hit America, says Charles Bremner

touch of Schadenfreude has crept through New York over the past month. It might be translated as "welcome to the club". Citizens of the battered metropolis have managed to draw some grim satisfaction from watching a wave of fear sweep across America, from California (so recently the prom-ised land) all the way to Washington, where it has given George Bush the jitters and lit the hopes of the Democratic party.
With General Motors dispens-

ing with 70,000 employees, white collar workers being dumped by the tens of thousands and property values slumping deeper, the spectre of depression has come to haunt the land. Even though life in America is far more comfortable than in most other countries, 18 months into the national recession the dreaded D-word is on everyone's lips. Even President Bush, who denied the very existence of recession two months ago. blurted out on Wednesday that the "economy is in free fall", adding: "I don't know what I have to do to convince people that I care about this." The venerable

economist J.K. Galbraith joined gloom-monpronouncing this moment to be "the least happy time since the Great Depression". A century ago, he said, people would have been talking about a "paníc".

In New York, however, the reaction is a blasé shrug and a crack along the lines of: "So what else is new?" When it

comes to the current neurosis, a time-lag separates the hinterland from the island city off the northeast coast, and strange as it may sound at a time of high anxiety, the rotten, derelict old Big Apple can offer some hope for the panicstricken. The market crash of 1987 triggered the collapse of the New York economy, and now, more than four years later, there is a sense that the city has paid its dues for the bacchanalia of the 1980s, and is now beginning to mend, at least spiritually. It has done its yuppy penance and is getting on with life, free from the anguish that is wracking the rest of the country.

The local agony is far from over. Job losses in the services sector have wiped out all the growth of the last boom. The shattered property market, the factor which has wounded the middle-class psyche more than any other, shows only a glimmer of recovery. Horror stories, ghastly even by London's present standards, abound. Banks are still foreclosing mortgages by the hundred, and thousands of families until recently well-heeled are wiping out their life savings with flats they cannot finance or sell even at a loss

of as much as 50 per cent. My own building on East 23rd street, a poorer middle-class quarier, offers a snapshot of the malaise. Tom, in the unstairs flat, is an architect who has been out of work for a year, like 46 per cent of his profession in the north-eastern United States. He is partly financing his now unsaleable flat with a job wrapping gifts in Macy's. But the department store itself is expected to declare bankruptcy any day now.

In the bottom of the building, the East Side Copy Shop is doing big business printing the CVs of the unemployed, and Tony's bagel shop is besieged before dawn by homeless men begging stale bread. Up the avenue sits a symbol of the vanities now gone, a glittering but empty tower for yuppies who never came. Its name, spelt out in high-tech letters, is The Future.

However, the mood has definitely turned in the past few months. The age of Trump now seems a bad dream as people have to make the best of adversity. Adapting to the new frugality, the nouveau-cheap are busy "downshifting" their life-styles and "bottom-feeding": snapping up bargains at events such as the car auctions of the dispossessed. "Cocooning", the stay-at-home trend of the late 1980s, has been pronounced dead, and nightlife has returned. Clubs and caba-

rets are booming. Some art dealers are even talking about a reviva in the market. After a virtual bovcott, Hollywood has rushed back to use the New York mystique as the setting for its films. Madison Ave.

nue, which has itself taken a hefty blow from the recession, is now beaming its Blitz-No escape: yuppie families humour to the rest of the country. An advert for Range

Rover, for example, implores viewers who cannot afford such a vehicle to do their patriotic bit by buying anything, even a bar

Less whimsical, is the paradox of Wall Street. The stock-market hit a record high this week despite the millennial angst and defeatism in the country. Investors seem to be betting that the worst is over. Some of the optimism may spring from rumours, or "information viruses" as they are called these days, but it is also fuelled by statistics such as inflation of only 3 per cent and a mortgage rate of about 7.5 per cent, the lowest since the early 1970s. Even unemployment and the fall in production are not as severe as in the early 1980s, and certainly nowhere near the levels of the Great Depression.

New Yorkers like to explain the American trauma in the language of that local obsession, the recovery movement. The famous phases originally devised by Alcoholics Anonymous are now applied to breaking any painful cycle, whether it be addiction to sex or designer clothes. First there was denial, a phase prolonged in America by the Gulf victory and Mr Bush's blithe dismissal of trouble last year, then came anger, bargaining and depression, the phase now gripping most of America. New York has been through all that and has, it believes, reached the prelude to recovery: acceptance.

Government and opposition are both keen to exaggerate their differences, writes Peter Riddell

thris Patten and Tony Benn symbolise opposite traditions in British politics. One speaks for the politics of continuity and consensus, while the other is the voice of ideology and convic-tion. But this week they have apparently reversed roles. Mr Patten has stressed the differences between the parties, while Mr Benn has argued that the two leaderships have essentially the

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A paradox of the current debate is that ideologists, such as Mr Benn and some Thatcherites disillusioned with the Major regime. have been playing down the choice at the election as almost between the lesser of two self-outs. By contrast, the pragmatists on both frontbenches have been loudly proclaiming the differences.

A central threat to a Tory victory is the belief that it is safe to vote Labour, that a convergence allows a risk-free return to an alternation of parties in office. Any suggestion that it will not make much difference to the country who wins the election is naturally anathema to the party leaderships. Their jobs and careers are at stake. Back-

benchers can be more detached. The fear that voters do not care explains the shrill note of the current debate. The carefully orchestrated attempt this week to generate a scare story over Labour's defence plans has not worked because the story is implausible. There are serious questions about Labour's defence proposals, over Overtaxing voters

the fourth Trident and conventional spending, but they are minor compared with the last two elections, when a Labour victory would have severely disrupted Nato. Where the Tories have scored a hit, the charge has been specific and believable, as when John Major celebrated yesterday over the apparent revision of Labour's plan to raise the ceiling on national insurance contributions.

The closeness of the party poll ratings makes them even keener to seize whatever tactical advantage is available from campaigning. The real meaning of almost all recent polis — whether showing a lead for the Tories or for Labour. as this morning's conflicting find-ings from Gallup and NOP do is that the gap is too close to give either party an overall majority.

Both the Tories and Labour face a dilemma. They need to empha-sise differences to establish a clear lead, while at the same time showing how they themselves have moved towards the centre. Thatcherism is being softened and Bennism is a dread memory, but each party pretends the other has not changed. Neither party wants to admit that Britain is returning to consensus politics, for that implies that the election does not matter much. But as Dennis IN POLITICS

Kayanagh and Peter Morris argue in their Consensus Politics, the term does not mean absence of disagreement, but rather "a set of parameters which bounded the set of policy options regarded ... as administratively practicable, eco-nomically affordable and politically acceptable." More elegantly. A.V. Dicey argued a hundred years ago that the Conservative and Liberal parties had differ-ences which were "important but not fundamental".

Even in its heyday before the mid-1970s, the post-war consensus over the welfare state and the mixed economy permitted differences about the level of benefits and taxation and the extent of government intervention in industry. Party exchanges were often bitter." Similarly, to argue, as I have in these columns, that there has been a convergence of approaches does not mean there is now an identity of views. The upheavals of the 1980s are over, and new parameters have emerged: some are broadly Thatcherite, such as acceptance of privatisation, and

others more collectivist, such as universal provision of health and education services. Herbert Morrison's legacy has been rejected, but the legacies of Aneurin Bevan and R.A. Butler remain. But differences persist over levels of provision and taxes, industrial relations law, competitive tendering for public service contracts. and the statutory minimum wage:

All this is the stuff of traditional

party debate rather than the wide

chasm of the early 1980s. Mr

Pattern protested too much this. week in his Disraeli lecture when he argued that "The differences between us are real and substanperween us are real and substantial enough. The stakes later this year really will be high." He rejected the view that "the combination of John Smith and the exchange-rate mechanism will keep Labour on the straight-andnarrow, making recidivism all but impossible." But the ERM cer-tainly narrows the options, as the current cabinet knows all too well. And the Tories' much trumpeted success in improving public fi-nances compared with the rest of Europe has created more borrowng leeway for Labour.

There are "substantial" differences over the pattern of taxation. especially for the top 10 to 20 per cent of income earners, which may

pay the Tories electoral dividends. But the contrast in overall levels of direct and indirect tax under a Labour or a Tory government would. I guess, be much less stark than Mr Patten implies by his talk of a "central philosophical difference" and "a fault line which will run through the political debate". A re-elected Major government

would offer. Mr Patten admitted, in a manifesto preview, a continuation of familiar themes". A commitment to holding down inflation, improving public services while cutting taxes, extending privatisation, introducing specific targets and methods of redress in the public sector, expanding home and share ownership, and encouraging savings can be presented as a distinctive package. But this is within the boundaries of the post-Thatcher consensus.

A Labour government might have many drawbacks, especially for those who did well in the Thatcher years, but the Torics are straining credibility in pretending it would be a disaster for the country, as they could more convincingly argue in 1983 and 1987. We are back to the position described by Balfour in 1927: "Our whole political machinery presupposes a people so fundamentally at one that they can safely afford to bicker; and so sure of their own moderation that they are not dangerously disturbed by the never-ending din of political conflict." At present we are in more danger of being bored than disturbed.

Skiing's slippery slope

Over-crowding has destroyed a once solitary sport, declares Philip Howard

his is the week for the nomadic tribes of Europe to remove to the Alps and Pyrenees to find grazing for their herds of package-tour executive-style coaches, and to display their new après ski plumage. Up there, where the air is cleaner and the sun shines out of a bright blue sky even in January, a man or woman is supposed to come closer to the heart of wild nature, and to collect a suntan and snaps to make everybody in the office jealous. Winter has set in in broken-leg country, from St Moritz to Mirabelle, where a man must prove himself first on skis and then on a blood-wagon stretcher. There have been heavy early snowfalls to encourage the

annual migration. This promises to be a good winter for the sport of spending E2,000 on clothes and equipment and then travelling through sleet and snow in grave discomfort for a thousand miles in order to stand around in a sweaty underground nightclub getting drunk. Except that the mass-market popularity of the sport of sliding with planks tied to one's feet has now destroyed the original point of the exercise, such as it was. For each man kills the thing he loves, by each let this be heard; some do it with a downhill charge, some with a schluss that's slurred.

The smarter ski resorts are announcing that they are going to ration time on piste, in order to prevent the hordes of nouveaux St Antonios destroying the environment they come to enjoy. At St Anton in the Austrian Tirol, one of the meccas where the daft idea of skiing as a sport was invented. they have beds for 8,000 skiers in the village-turned-suburb, but 14,000 people out there on the slopes breaking legs — unfortunately not always their own. In future, casual skiers wanting to drop in are going to have to buy their skiing passes some days, weeks, in advance, usually on the telephone by credit card, in order to be sure of finding

room to ski. It has now become easier to find solitude and commune with nature on the Northern Line than at Davos or Aspen, Colorado. In less than a century, skiing has been transformed from the last escapist frontier of white solitude and wild beauty into something almost as vulgar and nasty as the London

Skiing as a sport was invented by two Englishmen. Henry Lunn and his son Arnold. Henry was a Methodist missionary returned home from India, who invited churchmen of various denominations to a conference on Christian unity in Grindelwald. In the winter of 1902-3 he founded the Public Schools Alpine Sports Club in some of the little villages like Klosters that have since become slums congested with frightful people. He founded the travel agency which became famous, and opened up many of the skiing centres in Switzerland. Arnold Lunn invented the slalom and made many of the first and skiaided ascents in the Alps.

Skiing was meant to be a test for urban gentleman against nature. coming back, when night fell into the alpenglow, to a log fire in a picturesque chalet and a picturesque mountain cheese supper such as fondue or raclette. Increased prosperity and mass tourism have destroyed this ideal. Skiing has become much like going up and down the escalator at Holborn Station in the rush-



Before the masses arrived: a railway poster for Chamonix, 1905 hour, and without the advertise-

ments for entertainment. These days the only people who can ski in the way that God and the Lunns intended are the seriously rich, who can hire a private helicopter to lift them up to the top of an unfashionable mountain, so that they can then stide down it. The same is happening to all the other old elitist sports and paradises, as mass leisure and mass prosperity invade them. Only a generation ago Monte Carlo and the French Riviera were ideals of stylish luxury for the

English. They have now been overwhelmed and befouled by

Wimpy-bar architecture. The same thing has happened to Byron's isles of Greece and most of the Mediterranean littoral apart from the wilder coastal villages of Turkey - and I am not too sure about them. If you want to climb. Everest these days you need to book some years in advance, and there is more danger of being trampled to death by Japanese package tourists or catching dysentery from the debris of previous

mass tourism and high-rise and

expeditions than there is of falling off. The great mountains of Europe, from the Matterhorn to the Old Man of Hoy, are crumbling to death under the weight of pitons and daytrippers. Even to get into the smaller and more vulnerable National Trust properties, such as Sissinghurst, one has

In our lemming rush for exclusive Gardens of Eden, we destroy the things we want to be part of. The Groucho telegram, "Please accept my resignation; I don't want to belong to any club that will accept me as a member" is no joke.

conomists have a name for this phenomenon of the interaction between money and the mass market and allegedly desirable activities such as skiing. They call such things positional goods. The term was first used by Professor Fred Hirsch in Social Limits to Growth in 1976. All this bit of jargon means is that many of the things that are valued in our society are hierarchical. As increasing numbers of those at the bottom of the pyramid attain these positional goods — skiing at Chamonix, a place at university, membership of a golf club - so the goods become less destrable for those who already have them. Positional goods are those to which access is a function of the individual's income relative to other people's

So as Professor Hirsch put it: "If positional goods remain in fixed supply while material goods become more plentiful, the price of positional goods will rise, as con-sumers' relative intensity of demand for them increases in terms of material goods." Translating that for those now leaving for their annual fortnight of slipping and sliding, with hot and cold running chalet girls: book your turn on the ski-lift by credit card well in advance, and do not kin yourself that you are taking part in some sublime sport of kings.

...and moreover

I oncatenative, is the word for today's little farrago. 'Not a bad word at all, if what you wish to convey is the fortuitous linkage of disparate items: for example, Norma Ma-jor, boiled lishbones, Mossad, the Education Secretary and the absence of Japanese chairs. Not that you will find the word in your dictionary, it has been invented only recently, hardly more than 64 words ago, in fact; I did it by taking the verb concatenate, and joining ive to it. Or, rather, glueing it to it. Joining is beyond me. Glueing is what I do.

Which brings me to Kenneth Clarke, though not quite yet. First, we have the PM's missus to negotiate. She will not mind my calling her missus, because she has, as you know, a Teasmade, and I have a Teasmade. too, and we do not stand on ceremony, we Teasmade people. Not that there isn't a Teasmade Ceremony, though one unknown to Nippon, and no, we haven't got to Japanese chairs yet, these will be concatenated later, the Teasmade Ceremony consists of an alarm going off and a man crawling across his bedroom carpet and leaning on the chair bearing the Teasmade to pour the tea into the mugs provided, provided he hasn't been mug enough to lean too heavily on the chair, in which event the ceremony comes to an end with the chair-leg giving way and the Teasmade falling to the floor, thereby bringing the man to yesterday morning, and boiled lishbones.

When I was 13, Mr Webster took us for woodwork. He also took us for the sort of boys who could do woodwork, which was a mistake, because though woodwork was an option, we did not choose it because we could do it. we chose it because the option it was to was singing, and if your voice is breaking there's a limit to how much frumiliation you are prepared to take. There aren't too many parts for the

sopra-baritone. The first woodwork lesson we had was how to make glue. We had to bring fishbones to school and put them into Mr Webster's glue-boiler, where they would simmer while we had subsequent lessons on how to make toast-racks. You make a toastrack by sawing out vertical bits and glueing them into the grooves you have made in the horizontal bit. After that, Mr Webster shows you how to do a cap-peg. The cap-peg involves your first joint. It is a mortiseand-tenon. One fits into the other, and then you can hang your cap on it. Or rather you can you have managed to make the mortise the right size for the tenon: if you haven't, you saw the mortise off and glue the two bits together with the stuff from the fish-boiler in the hope that Mr Webster will not notice. Mr

Webster always notices, because the bits come apart again. That was when my friend Colin suggested we transfer to the metalwork class. Colin couldn't do cap-pegs either, and besides he wanted to make a gun. Mr Davis did not show you

how to make guns, he showed you how to make toast-racks, but Colin reckoned that if you persevered you would learn gun in a free period when Mr Davis was taking football. Colin did persevere, and eventually made a gun. I didn't see him make it, because this was after Mr Davis had had me transferred to the singing class, but Colin's gun actually worked. We went to the allotments and fired .22 rounds pinched from the CCF range. Colin told me he had plans for a much bigger gun but I don't know if he ever made it. because his family moved soon after that, and I never saw him again. Maybe Mossad shot him. So there I was yesterday, with

a chair and its broken stretcher whose mortise had snapped off in the leg's tenon. The best way to repair it was to buy a piece of wood and cut a mortise, but all I had learned to do was glue and sing "Danny Boy", so I just glued the old stretcher back and read the paper while it dried. and the paper said that Kenneth Clarke had said that too many schools were teaching woodwork instead of digital electronics, how very different from Japan, and as I finished reading this, the stretcher fell off again.

Mr Clarke is wrong. There is a big market for joinery. It is one of the few markets Japan as left us. It is not a matter of not teaching woodwork it is a matter of teaching it properly. And by the way, be careful how you use concatenative. That suffix could easily fall off.

Triple agents?

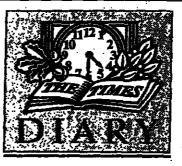
TIME WAS when it was the Bulgarians who sent agents to Britain to undermine Western democracy. Now the compliment has been returned. Three handpicked crack British agents have just returned from the Bulgarian capital, where 12 by were plotting the subversion of totalitarianism.

After helping Dr Filip Dimit-rov's election as prime minister last autumn, the trio, Carol Howard. Oliver Colville and Chris Poole, all Conservative central office employees, have been back to organise what they hope will be a centre-right triumph in the second round of the presidential elections on Sunday. Within hours of setting foot in Sofia, the team had transformed the campaign. The Bulgarians had never heard of walkabouts, party political broad-

casts or even election posters. Such techniques went down well, but the idea of canvassing was more alien. "A knock on the door in the night is still associated with the secret police," says Poole. the Tories' deputy agent for southeast England. Those who had not already fled out of the back door would peer nervously from behind

The election team, used to touring the Tory shires in Land-Rovers was reduced to scooting around in a Lada, and ran the gauntlet of petrol shortages and power cuts. Yet they readily concede that the general election campaign they are about to light in Britain will hardly match the enthusiasm for democracy they experienced in

"Foolishly, I even agreed to address a public meeting," says Pow-ell. "There were 100,000 people waiting to hear me in Solia's main square. I have only ever spoken to



a few hundred party faithful at the women's institute before." Poole found an easy way of dealing with the crowd. "I said that the British Conservative party sent its best wishes which generated polite ap-plause. When I added John Major's best wishes, there was loud cheering. When I mentioned Margaret Thatcher a riot nearly broke

 Some conspiracy theorists fear that after pushing the EC to recognise Croatia. Germany has designs on the former Yugoslavian state. They may have a point. Our woman on the spot reports that "guten tag" has already become the accepted breakfast greeting in Zagreb hotels.

Signs of silence

OPERA for the deaf came to the West End for the first time last night with a "signed" performance of the English National Opera's acclaimed production of Handel's Xerxes. Peter Liewellyn-Jones interpreted the work for 60 deaf members in the audience.

For David Pountney and Mark Elder, both about to depart after specialising over the years in taking opera to new audiences, this was a logical step: the deaf were virtually the only group they had not previously managed to en-

tice into the opera house. Happily, however, inability to hear the singers last night proved no obstacle to enjoyment of the operatic experience.

Beastly

CURRENT best-seller at the Department of the Environment is a colour postcard of a bright-eyed and bushy-tailed fox. On the back are concerned words stressing the government's determination to protect wildlife: "Foxes are poisoned by pesticides".

Strangely, no mention is made of the threat to the fox posed by hunting, as those promoting the Commons bill seeking to ban it next month have been swift to point out. .

John Gummer, the agriculture minister, says: "Hunting is a means of keeping reasonable



control over pests while affording genuine sport for those who take part." At the DoE they are even more tally-ho. Michael Heseltine not only allows the Heythrop Hunt to ride over his land, he

regularly presents the stirrup cup. cameo appearance
"It is ironic to say the least," says
John Bryant, wildlife officer of the
at the film's end.

League Against Cruel Sports. "But I am sure that foxes will be grateful that the government cares so much for their welfare - about as grateful as turkeys are to Bernard Matthews."

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Barber Institute

ON September 23, 1991, under the headline "Art for all" we reported that previous directors of the Barber Institute had actively pursued a policy of preventing members of the public and children from viewing its collection, causing "50 years of damage". The article was accompanied by a cartoon featuring the entrance to an art gallery with a sign indicating that ordinary members of the public were not permitted to enter.

We have now established that our report was wrong. We regret the offence thus given to the professional reputations of Hamish Miles, director of the Barber Institute from 1970 to 1990, and of his predecessor, the late Professor Sir Ellis Waterhouse, director of the Barber Institute from 1952 to 1970. At the request of Hamish Miles, in lieu of libel damages, we have made a contribution to the National Art Collections Fund.

 There may be considerable excitement in Britain at the return of Kenneth Branagh to the RSC, but Americans are less impressed with the golden boy of British act-ing. His new film, Dead Again, is currently showing at Manhattan's Festival Theatre. Although Branagh plays two roles and directed the film, his name fails to appear in lights outside the cinema: In-stead, top billing is given to Robin Williams, star of Dead Poets' Socjety, who makes the briefest of cameo appearances and is not even listed in the credits which roll



SPRINGING THE NI TRAP

Is it too much to hope that all political parties might agree on the abolition of Britain's archaic national insurance payment system? It is an outdated tax, an income tax in all but name. Nobody believes in it. Every senior politician knows it should go, yet none has the guis to say so because abolition would involve higher nominal income tax. This is the true background to the latest dispute between the front benches over Labour's promise to make national insurance contributions more smoothly progressive that is, even more like income tax.

Wrong footed by its uncertainty over what it has really proposed. Labour is now in danger of watering down a policy that is at least half sensible. National insurance (NI) contributions are neither insurance nor contributions. They might have been when Beveridge proposed the system in 1942. But British citizens are now protected from destitution whether or not they have paid for the protection. And today's pensioners are living not on the money they contributed throughout their working life, but on the general taxes paid by others in work now.

The nonsense is compounded by unfairness. People earning over £390 a week pay no NI on their income above that threshold. So their marginal tax rate drops from 34 per cent (25 per cent tax plus 9 per cent NI) to 25 per cent until it encounters the higher band. In a system that is supposed to make better off people pay more than poor people, this is eccentric

The less well-off are also penalised. As soon as people earn more than £52 a week, they have to pay NI on all their income, not just the excess over £52. As a result, someone earning £53 a week has a lower take home pay than someone else earning £51.99. The national insurance system reinforces the income tax poverty trap and distorts the labour market. Because it brings so many low earners into what is actually the tax net, it

is also administratively expensive.

Labour has pledged itself to deal with the inequity of the upper earnings limit, beyond which people pay no additional NI. If all earners paid an extra 9 per cent on income above £52 a week, NI would look more like the income tax it really is. Marginal tax rates

would thus be higher on high incomes, but that is a problem for fiscal policy to tackle. Even Labour has failed to help those at the bottom of the scale. That is easily done. The

NI threshold could be turned into an allowance, like the tax allowance. NI would then be charged only on income above that amount. This would shut the poverty trap door. If the NI allowance were set at the same level as that for income tax, the two imposts would in effect become one. This reform would cost much of the £3 billion brought in by lifting the ceiling. But it would do far more to help low earners than would Labour's promised rise in child benefit.

These reforms ought to appeal to the Treasury-trained John Major as well as to Labour. His predecessor, Nigel Lawson, admitted their logic in 1985 by removing the ceiling for employers' contributions and introducing lower bands for the lower paid. But an election was not imminent. Labour may or may not think that it can afford to alienate voters earning more than £390 a week. Yesterday's suggestion that it would

'phase in" its changes shows electoral nerves. Senior Conservatives are naturally chary of alienating upper income brackets. Though they privately agree on the absurdity of the upper earnings limit, they are unlikely to forswear what they fanatically believe is their most effective weapon in the phoney election. lower income taxes. Everybody knows that the "headline" rate of tax has been reduced from 33 per cent in 1979 to 25 per cent. Few appreciate that NI has risen in the same period from 6.5 per cent to 9 per cent.

To expect a truce in this argument this side of an election is clearly unrealistic - even from a prime minister who once pledged that politics would not stand in the way of economic common sense. Behind the scenes, responsible politicians should seriously ponder an agreed post-election reform to translate private into public consensus. An unfashionable route might be via a short, sharp enquiry to examine the merging of income tax and NI. Then politicians could argue on the real issue of fiscal equity. whether the better-off should be compensated by a reduction in the higher rate of

A GOOD BET

Last spring's torrent of Budget advice to Norman Lamont contained the repeated suggestion of a state or national lottery. The government did not seem to need much persuading. But the Chancellor did not after all include the lottery proposal in his 1991: Budget. The idea was reserved for the forthcoming Tory election manifesto - until Ivan Lawrence, Conservative MP for Bur : monopoly why not allow lotteries ad lib. ton-on-Trent, conveniently came top of this year's ballot for backbench bills.

Hence the confidence with which Mr Lawrence will launch his bill in the Commons today. Without the tacit support of government no private member's bill stands much chance of success. If Mr Lawrence's reading includes Labour's arts policy document of last summer. Our ultural Future, he will know that the Opposition too is almost committed to a national lottery, to pay at the very least for the conservation of old buildings.

The traditional British distaste for gambling requires that the vice be mitigated by a good deed: that some of the proceeds should go to a worthy cause. Mr Lawrence is proposing a basic three-way split in the proceeds: one third to the Treasury, one third to prizes and running expenses and one third shared between sport, the arts and "heritage". Other charitable bodies may also get a smaller share, perhaps to make good any damage there may be to the small lotteries they are already allowed to run under the 1976 Lotteries Act.

As in the case of most pleasures, British prudery towards gambling runs concurrently with indulgence. A national lottery, it has been estimated, could raise between £2 and £3 billion a year. The Football Trust, which distributes to clubs about £40 million a year derived from football pools under

existing schemes, says this will be money switched from the pools and hence the sport will suffer. Mr Lawrence brandishes research to show that almost all of this will be new money. Pools punters say they will gamble more, rather than switch.

First Parliament will have to overcome a profeer relisciance to create a statutory even ad nauseam; and let them fight it out? But this would contradict foreign experience. The national lotteries of Europe are grand affairs, the announcement of winners a national event which almost stops the traffic. Allow two such events, and there is a case for allowing ten, or a hundred. But what is being proposed is then no longer a "national lottery" as defined, but one more event to rank alongside pools, premium bonds, horserace betting and the Tote, even the small change of gambling like hospital draws and local raffles. Furthermore, after 1992 there will be nothing to stop the national lotteries of Europe invading British territory, which at the moment they can only

do illegally. The last state lottery was held in Britain in October 1826. The Times was then campaigning against all forms of gambling and remarked next day: "Yesterday terminated the Lotteries in this country: may we say for ever? We know not. Such a result will depend upon the wants of Government, and the morality of its Ministers. However, we rejoice at their suspension . . . " Since then, the principle that the bulk of public spending should come from compulsory taxes has been firmly accepted. That the gambling habit might be harnessed to community activities of a more marginal nature cannot be objectionable. Mr Lawrence has a good case in principle and should be allowed his bill.

BARE CUPBOARDS OF RUSSIA

Russians not only have empty stomachs: their intellectual hunger is insatiable. Starved for 70 years of books that are uncorrupted by propaganda, of literature that reflects the truth of their own desperate condition and of culture untrammelled by communist claptrap, they are at last revelling in the freedom to read, write and speak what they like. But their library shelves are bare. their literary store depleted and their access to the world's storehouse of knowledge barred by a shortage of money. This week sees the launch of an imaginative proposal to rebuild the country's intellectual infrastructure. Book Aid aims to send one million books in English to more than a hundred libraries and colleges throughout the former

Soviet Union. For the next week, people will be asked to scour their shelves for books that might bring enlightenment to Minsk and Pinsk, Archangel and Tashkent. Those in reasonable condition - no tatty paperbacks please should be handed in to selected bookstores where they will be taken to a warehouse, bundled up in theft-proof packets and sent to Moscow for onward distribution. Already publishers have responded generously, and have dispatched 150,000 from their lists.

Although a few titles may be poor sellers that might otherwise have been pulped, most are expensive hardbacks, donated in large numbers. A glance at some of those sent often in response to specific requests indicates the range of needs. Stabilising an Unstable Economy, Run your own Catering Business, Food for all the Family, and Primal Health Blueprint for Survival are among the severely practical "how to" books for a dislocated society. There are books on local government, gas-cooled reactors, political violence and computing. Many deal with subjects long taboo: Judaism, Trotsky. spiritualism and homosexuality, all now the stuff of daily debate. Others are best-sellers suppressed for political reasons, such as Dracula, spy novels and thrillers. Others again are children's books, English classics, and ordinary modern novels, mental sustenance that communism allowed in only small quantities.

Book Aid has asked for sensible contributions. A Guide to Gourmet Eating or Fat is a Feminist Issue are unlikely to appeal to today's babushka while she waits in the bread queue. Other titles might also seem inappropriate. Would Russians be caught dead reading Soviet Communism: a New Civilisation by Sidney and Beatrice Webb, or Bernard Shaw's The Intelligent Woman's Guide to Socialism? What would they make of Oscar Wilde's Soul of Man under Socialism? Well-intentioned donors should also probably avoid any title with "revolution" in it, even if it is only Revolutionise Your Sex Life. And please no 1960s guides to the better management of a planned economy.

Already 15,000 copies have been despatched of Lloyd's Small Business Guide. Demand is less sure for the Almanac de Gotha: a guide to the royal families of Europe. But what every Russian really needs by his bedside just now are two of history's greatest best-sellers: Dale Carnegies's How to Win Friends and Influence People and Samuel Smiles The Gospel of Self-Help.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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New uses envisaged for 'surplus' and idle farmland From Sir David Goodall

Sir. For the past two decades, while

population growth has been falling.

agriculture has benefited from enor-

mous subsidies, farmland has been

heavily protected by legislation and

the political emphases have been on

the protection of the environment

and the regeneration of the inner

cities. Thousands of acres of country-

side have been eaten up - not by the

establishment of new villages, with

all the care for amenities and

appearance that that implies, but by

urban sprawl of the most repetitive.

If all this has taken place at a time

when local authorities were sup-

posed, with the encouragement of

the government, to be making it

difficult to exploit the countryside for

development, what can we expect now that the prime minister is publicly questioning the need to give

farmland such protection as it has

The fact is that building developers

have their own imperatives. In all 100

many cases these do not appear to

include the need to ensure either that

the work is environmentally harmo-

nious or that it is carried out "to the

very highest standards" - naturally

enough, since both these consid-

erations significantly diminish the

When Mr Woolley advocates less

stringent controls on the dev-

elopment of farmland, what mea-

sures does he (or the prime minister) have in mind for ensuring that

developers are less greedy or local

authorities more effective in enforc-

ing high standards than experience

Sir. In what sense does Mr Woolley

regard conventional farming meth-

ods as becoming "more not less

efficient"? In output per man they

are very efficient, in output per acre,

not necessarily more so than organic

methods, if only as to price and value

As for energy use, conventional farming is very inefficient compared

Its guns outranged those of the

Royal Navy and that of Exocet

(Exocet, it must be remembered,

makes small holes well above the waterline and relies on a degree of

luck to cause serious damage once

inside. The one that struck HMS

weapons that relied on radar control,

which is highly vulnerable to enemy

action. Each gun turret would have

to be put out of action individually.

somehow, but the means were not

So it was that on day 2 my

assessment stated that the Belgrano

was almost invulnerable and that the

only way to deal with it, should it be

considered necessary, was by firing a

I sometimes wonder whether Gen-

eral Galtieri ever realised fully the

potential for damage he controlled

but fortunately someone on our side

Achilles heel of the Belgrano was its

did and gave the order to strike. The

Ulysses, 25 Southamoton Hill.

omy between what is considered art

and what is commercial communica-

tion. In Games's heyday, between the 1930s and the 1960s, the two

While there are currently some

advertising agencies producing cre-

ative work for poster advertising

which blurs the distinction between

the two in its artistry whilst never

sacrificing the primary concerns of

brand and product communication,

there are many others who could

The Times, by reproducing articles

from its own columns in poster form.

has shown that fine work in one

medium translates well to another.

Posters both inform and entertain.

Titchfield, Hampshire.

The Belgrano had no sophisticated

Sheffield was merely lucky).

with good organic practices.

Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

Eastleach Downs Farm,

has shown them to be up to now?

and often shoddiest, kind.

enjoyed up to now?

profits to be made.

Yours faithfully.

DAVID GOODALL

From Sir Thomas Bazley

Ampleforth, York.

January 14.

of the produce.

Yours faithfully.

T. S. BAZLEY,

January 13.

available.

underwater hull.

F. J. WEDDELL

were insenarable.

follow their lead.

Yours faithfully,

January 14.

Eastleach Turville,

From Professor G. H. Peters

Sir, Mr Nicholas Woolley of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (letter, January 13) reiterates, what is now becoming a standard view; namely that "millions of acres" of farmland may soon become "surplus" - the equivalent of an agricultural Ravenscraig, with land standing visibly idle.

Simultaneously, since Mr Woolley also rules out lower intensity as a solution on the ground that agriculture must remain "efficient", some farmers would be striving to maintain their output levels as a means of competing in increasingly liberalised markets. Though I agree with both Mr Woolley and Mr Major (report, January 7) that our protective attitude to every acre of farmland is wrong, the basic premises of Mr Woolley's argument must be ques-

The underlying economic theory is very clear. Falling farm prices induce a shrinkage in the intensive and extensive margins of cultivation, and land values (rents and capital values) decline as part of that process.

Farmers who attempt to maintain intensity, using high-cost systems in order to do so, will lose money: their "technical" efficiency (output per acre) will conflict with "economic" efficiency. Individual income can only be maintained by an increase in farm size (with less intensity) and by gradual reallocation of land between farmers; with, of course, a reduction in the number of farms.

That is the inevitable result of adjustment to a regime of lower farm-gate prices. It amounts to the redundancy of people, farmers or workers, and of other inputs (and of the capital and labour used in their manufacture). I need hardly dwell on the social consequences.

Whether land becomes "surplus" is a rather more complex question. The impact in areas of high land quality will probably be gradual, and frequently less than obvious: it will simply be absorbed into other farms, at lower intensity, or slip into other uses. The poorer the inherent quality the greater will be the chance of land dropping out of farming use.

These changes, in themselves, will not require "planning" in any heavily interventionist sense; they will occur within the context of normal price signals. There is no need to launch a desperate search for "positive uses for surplus farmland". Yours faithfully.

G. H. PETERS, International Development Centre, Queen Elizabeth House, 21 St Giles, Oxford.

Sinking the Belgrano From Mr F. J. Weddell

Sir. At the time of the Falklands conflict I was working in the Admiralty Scientific Service where, for six years, I had studied the vulnerability of HM ships to the effects of enemy action with the requirement to propose ways in which their survival would be enhanced.

On day I of the conflict I was asked by my divisional director to assess the vulnerability of the Argentine fleet. There were only 15 ships to consider and they were a motley collection. The two latest, both Type 42s, were not yet commissioned, there were 11 small vessels, the aircraft carrier 25 de Mayo and the old American battleship, the Belgrano (letters, January 6, 9, 10).

On day 2 my assessment was on the desk of my boss. The Belgrano was clearly a very potent threat despite its age and being a remnant from an earlier epoch of sea-warfare. By reason of its armour of several inches of steel around the visible hull. the deck and the gun turrets, it was impervious to any of the British surface or aerial conventional weapons.

Art on the Tube

From the Managing Director. London Transport Advertising

Sir. Richard Morrison, in his preview of the report by the Gulbenkian Foundation (UK) on art and public transport ("Just the ticket for a brighter way to travel", January 8). rightly draws attention to the contribution made by Frank Pick to art on the London Underground during the 1930s.

The freelance artists whose poster work was commissioned by Pick produced a vibrant blend of an and bold visual communication. Indeed, the designs of men such as Abram Games and Man Ray have become hallmarks of 20th-century graphics.

Today the principle remains the same: to increase revenue for a public service the majority of posters on the Underground are used to carry commercial advertising. Yet to draw attention to the juxtaposition of art and environment on this transport system implies a modern-day dichotproving that aesthetics need never be sacrificed for commercial gain. Indeed, the lesson of Pick's era is that the one enhances the other. Yours faithfully. ROGER FERNLEY. Managing Director, London Transport Advertising,

10 Jamestown Road, NW1.

Unbending bishops From Mr Michael Reilly

Sir, Your leader ("Unbending bish-

ops", January 6) might have mentioned unbending priests and deacons. It is encouraging to be told that mobile urban members of the Church of England can travel to worship in the liturgy of their choice. Unfortunately, immobile rural Anglicans, who happen to be elderly too. have not the same opportunities to enjoy the comfort and tranquillity of the traditional ritual to which they have been accustomed since they were christened 70 or more years

Both the message and the beautiful English in which the gospel was expressed are now considered to be incomprehensible: no one need try to understand them, any more than a would-be mathematician now has to understand calculus - all that is necessary is to "comprehend" the idea.

Where can an old-fashioned Anglican go now, if the Leader of the Local Team Ministry (so styled) provides uncongenial surroundings? We feel excommunicated.

Yours sincerely. MICHAEL REILLY. Magnolia Cottage. Harrowbeer Lane, Yelverion, Devon.

From Mr J. P. Brown

Sir, The prime minister's rhetorical question, "Do we really need to offer as much protection to farmland now that we have surpluses?" needs to be extended. He might perhaps have added "... in some crops at present, thanks largely to imported rawmaterials, bearing in mind our chronic balance-of-payments deficit and increasing world-wide malnutrition, starvation and political unrest?".

Mr Woolley, who commends the prime minister's view, is an official of a professional body whose members stand to benefit if that view is accepted. The general good urgently requires the frustration of the prime minister's intention.

Yours truly, J. P. BROWN, Bryn Castell, Geufron, Llangollen, Clwyd. January 13.

From Mrs W. T. Barton

Sir. How they scurry, the make-afast-buck merchants, to get their hands on our allegedly redundant farmland. John Major's short-sighted reference to food surpluses at the Oxford farming conference must surely be questioned. Like booms or busts, they are hardly likely to last for ever: and as for land, that is the least likely surplus of all in a small country

Let us test the altruism of those so keen to provide homes, jobs, affordable transport and other services they say are so badly needed in rural

There are thousands of acres of once derelics, now reclaimed land in the former industrial valleys of South Wales whose need for jobs, better roads, attractive houses are every bit as pressing as those of country people or those who have moved to the country.

Such spare but unproductive land is to be found all over Britain, offering a real opportunity to those who would like virgin space to build new villages. Such enterprises would no doubt attract fresh industry and economic vigour, leaving our farmland to lie fallow in times of surplus, to be reactivated in times of shortage and not to be sacrificed for the advantage of the few.

Yours faithfully, W. T. BARTON, Kilburnie, Dolphin Street, Port Isaac, Cornwall January 13.

Railway blunder

From Mr P. J. Inson

Sir, Your report (January 3) about the difficulties of running trains across Europe speaks of an "empty vision in practical terms". There is a reminder of a similar, if smaller-scale blunder on your doorstep.

The Docklands Light Railway was launched and has been promoted as an example of up-to-date planning and technology: it was realised that this was not so when its extension to the Bank was planned and it was realised that it could not be linked to British Rail and London Transport to allow through running to Waterloo and the West End.

Not only does the DLR have a power supply of a different voltage from LT's and BR's, but its mechanism for collecting current is in-compatible. DLR's vehicles are too tall to run in LT tunnels and LT trains cannot negotiate the sharp curves on the DLR.

Until the comparatively recent demise of the night ferry service from London to Paris and Brussels, British Rail's passenger vehicles, pro-vided with dual heating and braking systems, constituted a physical link between the British railway system and that of mainland Europe. Why is it that we dazzle ourselves with technology and thus blind ourselves to the wider planning view?

Yours sincerely. P. J. INSON. The Spinney, Willey Lane. Cockerham, Lancaster.

Car tax proposal From Mr Aidan Harrison

Sir. There can be no doubt that high levels of purchase tax, followed by the special car tax, contributed to the disappearance of Austin, Alvis, Armstrong Siddeley. Hillman, Humber, Morris, Riley, Standard, Triumph, Wolseley and others.

Our remaining indigenous manufacturers, such as Aston Martin, Jaguar and Lotus are now controlled by American companies while there is much speculation about the future ownership of Rolls-Royce.

It is surely ironic that the Chancellor should have waited until our native motor industry has been virtually destroyed before considering the removal of this punitive tax (report, January 8). By waiting until now, it will only benefit Japanese manufacturers which produce cars in the United Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, AIDAN HARRISON, Morrelhirst, Netherwitton, Morpeth, Northumberland. January 8.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -(071) 782 5046.

Doctor tells of Burma's suffering

From Dr Martin Panter

Sir, I today returned from the free Karen state situated along the Thai-Burmese border, having taken in a team of medical specialists from the UK at the request of the Karen authorities. We have been going in to give medical help on a voluntary basis two or three times a year since -1987.

During our stay we met and had lengthy discussions with a prominent Burmese physician, who fled last month from Rangoon with his wife and three children - all at great risk - to the Karen headquarters at Manerplore.

This doctor related to us some of the prevailing conditions in Burma that prompted him to risk life and liberty for him and his family by fleeing: routine arrest, imprisonment, torture and death on the least suspicion, police informers in virtually every community, closure of schools and universities, and mass arbitrary and involuntary repatriation of residents from urban to inhospitable rural areas, resulting in widespread starvation and death.

Furthermore he related how one of his friends lived close to the house where Aung San Suu Kyi is being held under house arrest. He told us that as a devout Buddhist she prays without fail in the courtyard of the house every morning. However there has been no sighting of Aung San since early November, nor any lights or signs of movement in the house.

The world has a legitimate concern in the fate of this woman, who last year was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. The Burmese authorities should end the uncertainty and, if she is still alive, make a statement about her whereabouts.

Yours faithfully, MARTIN E. H. PANTER, The Barnhouse, Smithincott, Cullompton, Devon. January 13.

TV sex scenes

From Mr Robert W. Dray

Sir, As a person who counsels several women who have been victims of incest/child abuse, I was appalled at the sudden, vivid presentation of the rape of a young girl within seconds of the start of Melvyn Bragg's BBC1 drama adaptation of his book. A Time to Dance, last Sunday evening.

The short verbal warning given at the beginning in no way prepared even the most well-balanced person for the visual images that were immediately thrust upon us and again at the end of the programme. It will have even more disturbed the many thousands of women in our society who have received such treatment in their early lives. A part of therapy for such persons does indeed encourage the recovery of memories and emotions, but only in a safe, secure, prepared way.

It was no coincidence that several telephone calls while the episode was being shown. Do the producers of such drama, excellent in itself, have no sense of responsibility to viewers?

Yours sincerely, R. W. DRAY, 13 Holmesdale Gardens, Hastings, East Sussex. January 13.

From Mr John Gibbons Sir, Surely television's primary func-

tion is to entertain, but also to instruct and to teach. As a civilised. Christian nation do we really believe that the explicit portrayal of rape comes within any of these categories. and how can we accept the BBC's assessment of Mr Bragg's work as "a serious piece of drama" (report, January 14)? Yours sincerely.

JOHN GIBBONS. Pen-y-Caerau, Garnfadryn, Pwllheli, Gwynedd.

From Mrs Lucy Harrison

Sir. My family also consults the Radio Times to choose what we hope will be suitable viewing (Mrs Molly Harrison's letter, January 14). The entry for BBC1 at 9.05 last Sunday evening read: "New: A Time to Dance. Melvyn Bragg's three-part adaptation of his own best-selling romantic tale of obsession and jealousy in a small Cumbrian town.

Yours etc., LUCY HARRISON, 6 Bienheim Close, Winchmore Hill, N21. January 15.

If he believes that . . . From Mr Andrew Clark

Sir, If Mr Ivan Lawrence, MP.

believes that 30 million people, virtually the whole adult population of the UK, will buy national lottery tickets (report, January 14) I have no evidence to the contrary. That he understands that his

projected revenue requires that each participant contributes, on average, £100 per annum, I am sure. That this will lead to an improvement in the health of the nation, due to an increase in interest in the arts and a diversion from more harmful pursuits by "young people" ... well, probably.

Yours faithfully. ANDREW CLARK, 224 Long Lane, N3. January 14.

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COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM January 16: The Queen was represented by the Earl Howe, Lord in Waiting, at the Memorial Service for Major General Sir Rohan Delacombe, formerly Governor of Victoria, which was held

in the Crypt Chapel of St Paul's Cathedral today. The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Admiral Sir Desmond Cassidi.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE January 16: The Duchess of York this morning left Heathrow Airport, London, for Florida.

The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, this morning opened Ross Young's new factory at Grimsby and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Humberside (Mr R. Anthony Bethell).

Afterwards Her Royal High-ness, Patron, the Butler Trust, visited HM Prison Lincoln, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Lincolnshire

(Captain Henry Nevile).
This evening The Princess
Royal, President, British Olympic
Association, anended a Reception and a Fundraising Concert in Newcastle upon Tyne and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Tyne and Wear (Colonel Sir Raiph Carr-Ellison).

Miss Victoria Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

Delacombe, formerly Governor of Victoria, which was held in the Crypt Chapel of St Paul's Cathedral today.

KENSINGTON PALACE January 16: The Prince of Wales was represented by Sir John Riddell at the Memorial Service for Major General Sir Rohan Delacombe, formerly Governor of Victoria, which was held in the Crypt Chapel of St Paul's Cathedral, today. The Princess of Wales, Patron,

the London Symphony Chorus, attended the Beethoven Concert at the Barbican Centre. London

Miss Alexandra Loyd and

ess of Gloucester, was represented by Miss Jane Egerton-Warburton at the Memorial Service for Major General Sir Rohan Delacombe, formerly Governor of Victoria, which was held in the Crypt Chapel of St Paul's Cathedral today.

Mr J.D.L. Andrews and Miss E.I. Hamshaw

The engagement is announced between James, younger son of Mr George Andrews and the late Mrs Brenda Andrews, of Tonbridge, Kent, and Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Hamshaw, of Sheffield. Mr S.M. Barnes

and Miss A.J. Fletcher The engagement is announced between Simon Miles, younger son of Mr CJ. Barnes, of Lancastire, and Mrs V.E. Barnes, of Formby, Lancashire, and Annabel Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R.A. Fletcher, of Highgate, London.

Mr S.L. Danciger and Miss N.J. Morris The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Melvyn Danciger, of Reigate, Surrey, and Nicola, daughter of Mr Leonard Marks and Mrs Elaine Morris, both of

Dr M.D. Diaper and Miss C.S. Armitage The engagement is announced between Martyn. son of Mr and Mrs David Diaper, of Southampton, and Caroline,

daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Armitage, of Beckenham, Kent. and Miss V.A. Black The engagement is announced Charles Eisenhardt, of Denville,

between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs New Jersey, USA, and Valerie. daughter of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Black, of London, Mr M.L.G. Evans

and Miss A.L. Watt The engagement is announced between Martin, son of Mr and Mrs Jack Hill, of Dulwich, London, and Amanda, youngest daughter of Mrs June Hughes and the late Mr James Watt, of Chislehurst, Kent.

Mr W.F. de Falbe and Miss J.A.D.V. Keatley The engagement is announced between Frederick, youngest son of Mr and Mrs C.V.W. de Falbe. of Saffins, Bicknoller, near Taunton. Somerset. and Juliet. sunger daughter of Mr and Mrs W.H. Keatley, of Heddon Hall, Parracombe, North Devon.

Captain D.M. Gibb and Miss H.E.A. Avimore The engagement is announced between David Gibb, Royal Army Educational Corps, elder son of Mr and Mrs A.W. Gibb, of Weymouth, Dorset, and Helen, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Aylmore, of Rochester,

Kent Mr M.J. Keeler Miss R.A. Cary-Elwes The engagement is announced ween Matthew, second son o Mr and Mrs John Keeler. of Upper Harbledown. Canterbury. and Rosamund. youngest daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Oswald Cary-Elwes. of Blackheath. near Guildford.

Surrey Major J.R.St D. Mackaness and Miss M.A. Herbert The engagement is announced between James Richard St between James Richard St Duthus Mackaness, 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's), and of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs R.J. Mackaness, of The Forge, Crockerton, Wiltshire, and Mary Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Herbert, of Upper Helmsley Hall. York.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Leonnard Fuchs, phy-

sician and botanist, Wembdingen, Germany, 1501; Pedro Calderon de la Barca, dramatist and puet, Madrid, 1600, Thomas Fairfax, 3rd Baron Fairfax, Parliamentary commander in the Civil War. Denton. Yorkshire, 1611/12: Benjamin Franklin. statesman, scientist and printer, Boston, Massachusetts, 1706; George Lyttleton, 1st Baron Lyttleton, statesman, historian and poet. Hagley, Worcestershire 1709: Vittorio Alfieri, poet, Pied. mont. Italy. 1749; Sir James Hall. geologist. Dunglass. Lonian. 1761: Charles Kean. actor. Waterford, co Waterford, 1811(7): Anne Bronte, novelist. Thornton, Yorkshire, 1820: August Weismann, geneticist, Frankfurt am Main, 1834; David Lloyd George, 1st Earl Lloyd-George of Dwyfor, prime minister 1916-22. Manchester, 1863.

The Princess Royal was represented by Brigadier Charles Ritchie at the Memorial Service for Major General Sir Rohan

Wing Commander David Barton. RAF, were in attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE January 16: Princess Alice, Duch-

Forthcoming marriages

and Miss R.C. McInroy

The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of Mr Barry Mackaness, of icomb. Gloucestershire. and Mrs Caroline Mackaness, of Wensleydale, North Yorkshire, and Rowena, youngest daughter of the late Mr Alasdair McInroy and of Mrs Alasdair McInroy, of Folkestone, Kent.

Dr J.L. Prydal and Miss A.L.J. Chornet The engagement is announced between Jeremy, only son of Mr B.S. Prydal, of Ham. Surrey, and the late Mrs H. Prydal, and Ann. only daughter of Mr S. Chomet. of Chelsea, London, and of Mrs J Falkner, of Muswell Hill,

Mr D.C.B. Rogers and Miss C.E.M. Howes The engagement is announced between David, son of Dr and Mrs R.S.B. Rogers, of Prestbury, Cheltenham, and Charlotte, daughter of Dr and Mrs A.C.

Howes, of Oxenton, Cheltenham. Dr D.M. Schellenberg and Miss J.R.M. Armstrong The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Eugene Schellenberg, of Joanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Armstrong, of Beetham,

Mr S.J.B. Shav and Miss MJ. Shaw The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Donald Shaw, of Ulting, Essex, and Melanie, eldes daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Shaw, of Hasiemere, Surrey.

Mr P.R.M. Smith and Miss C.E. Gaiter The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs Roy Smith, of Dormans Park, East Grinstead, Sussex, and Charlotte, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Gaiter, of Haslemere,

Mr J.L. Strachan and Miss L.E. Prenter The engagement is announced between John Liston, younger son of Mr and Mrs Graham Strachan, of Strathblane, and Lucinda Emily, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Prenter, of

Mr J.S.G. Tanner and Miss R.J. Frampton The engagement is announced between Julian, younger son of Dr and Mrs N.W. Tanner, of Oxford, and Rachel, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs LJ. Frampton, of Bradfield, Berkshire,

Mr R.J. Trusselle and Miss G.J. Greaves The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs S.J. Trusselle, of Tring. Hertfordshire, and Georgina, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G.B. Greaves, of Onchan, Isle of Man.

Mr R.A. Ukieh and Miss NJ. Hayward The engagement is announced between Robert, elder son of Mr. and Mrs Percy Ukiah, of Englefield Green, Surrey, and Nicola, only daughter of Dr and Mrs John Hayward, of Virginia,

Receptions

USA, and Oxford.

Fulbright Commission Mr Kenneth Clarke, QC, Secretary of State for Education and Science, welcomed the guests on behalf of Her Majesty's Government last night at a reception held at Lancaster House in honour of the American Fulbright students. scholars and fellows in Britain. The American Ambassador also

Spanish Ambassador The Spanish Ambassador and Señora de la Morena with Sir-Sigmund and Lady Sternberg gave a reception yesterday at the Spanish Embassy to mark the aunching of Sepharad 92. Afterwards. Ambassador Manuel Sassot Director of Sepharad 92. delivered a lecture "The Meaning

of Sepharad" to the Spanish

Cultural Institute at 102 Eaton

OBITUARIES

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Lord Rootes, former chairman of the Rootes car company, died on January 16 aged 74. He was born on June 14. 1917.

LORD Rootes had the unenviable task of presiding over the decline and eventual takeover of Rootes Motors, the Coventry-based company which was responsible for many of the best-known names in the post-war British car industry, including Humber Hillman, Singer and Sunbeam Talbot. He devoted most of his

working life to the company. which was founded by his father, the first Lord Rootes. But in the 1960s the company became plagued by strikes and found it harder and harder to match the investment in low cost and high volume which the big American manufacturers were achieving. In successive stages he agreed to sell first a part then finally the whole of the equity to the Chrysler Corporation which later sold its British activities to Peugeot of France.

But when William Geoffrey Rootes was born in Loose, Kent in 1917 his father's business was thriving. It was one of a number of British car manufacturers who were competing with one another in what was becoming a fast-growing industry. The first Lord Rootes, Sir William, emerged as one of the survivors in what became a series of corporate doglights between the wars.

Geoffrey Rootes was educated at Harrow and spent fascinated holidays touring the family's factories with his lather. He went on to Christ Church, Oxford, and read modern languages. When he graduated in 1937 he was keen to start work as an apprentice at the Humber works in Coventry. But two years later he was claimed by the war, which he spent with the RASC in the British Expeditionary Force to France, in the Western Desert and in Italy. He rose to the rank of

On demobilisation he went straight back to Coventry, working with his uncle. Sir Reginald Rootes, to re-equip

maior.

LORD ROOTES

and re-organise the factory. He inherited the family's flair for production engineering. travelling extensively to learn foreign manufacturing techniques. He also helped to direct the development of the group's distributing and servicing arms. But the emphasis on production rather than marketing may have proved a fatal flaw in the commercial battles to come.

In 1950, at the age of 32. Geoffrey became managing director of the group's manufacturing division, going beyond Coventry to embrace the commercial vehicle factories at Luton, Dunstable and Maidstone, and the coachbuilding works at Acton. Cricklewood and Dartford as well as assembly plants abroad. By 1961 he was involved in a £23 million project to build new factories in Scotland for production of the Hillman Minx. Geoffrey was continually travelling between the group's plants at

this time, usually trying out

new models on the road. In 1962 he took over from Sir

point of his career. Since the late 1950s the company had been losing money and in 1965 he had to sell a majority of the shares in Rootes to Chrysler for a much-needed cash injection of £27 million. But the Rootes family retained 51 per cent of the voting rights. In 1967 Lord Rootes became chairman of the company. But soon after-wards the financial position had so deteriorated that he had to go to Tony Benn, then minister of technology, to ask for further support to save the company from having to sell control to Chrysler. Benn tried to persuade Leyland and British Motor Corporation to put money in as part of a call to rally round the flag. How-

ever, after those companies

had examined Rootes' fi-

Reginald as group managing director, and two years later succeeded to his father's barony.

But that marked the high Lord Rootes also extended his interests in sports and charities. He was an enthusiastic participant in shooting.

fishing, ornithology, tennis and skiing, and owned his own grouse moor in Perthshire. He took up leading positions in the Game Conservancy Council, the British Field Sports Society and the World Wildlife Fund. From 1983 to 1988 Lord

dustries.

nances, they insisted that the

government would have to

put in the bulk of the neces-

sary cash and guarantee bank loans. Harold Wilson,

then prime minister, was re-

luctant to do so for fear of

antagonising Washington.

Chrysler took control in re-

turn for another £20 million.

In 1972 Edward Heath's

government sold Chrysler the

Industrial Reorganisation

Corporation's interest in

what by then had been re-

named Chrysler UK. Later

that year the Americans

bought the remaining shares

for £6 million, of which the

Rootes family collected ap-proximately £1 million. No dividend had been paid on

Lord Rootes continued as

chairman until 1973 when

he finally severed the family's

connection with the business

his father had founded. He

had, meanwhile, taken up other interests. He had al-

ready headed the trade body,

the Society of Motor Manu-

facturers and Traders. In

1969 he became chairman of

Export Council, and joined the councils of the Confedera-

tion of British Industry and

Warwick University. In 1973

McDougall, the food group,

and the engineers Lucas In-

the shares since 1965.

Rootes was Berkshire president of the St John Ambulance, becoming a knight of St John on his retirement from that post. He was a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts. His philosophy was to enjoy each day as it came, and he was a devoted family man. He leaves his widow, Mar-

ian, a daughter and his son, Nicholas, who succeeds to the

SIR LESLIE JOSEPH

with an engineer to install the who realised that Joseph's ex-Sir Leslie Joseph, a former vice-chairman of Trust Houses Forte, died on January 7 aged 84. He was born on January 4, 1908.

LESLIE Joseph was a major figure in Britain's post-war leisure industry. He played an important part in securing the success of the Festival of Britain in 1951, and through that became responsible for the leisure interests of Lord Forte, including the Blackpool Tower, the Prince of Wales Theatre and the Talk of the Town in London.

But he was above all a Welshman, and will always be remembered in Wales for his devotion to Porthcawl. where for many years his family ran the Coney Beach amusement park. Sadly, he died before one of his per projects — a seafront marina that promises to transform Portheawl into a colourful resort town - received the permissions necessary for construction to begin.



Herbert Leslie Joseph was the son of Ernest Joseph, the founder of Western Engineering, who in 1919 bought a ballast tip at Porthcawl which he turned into the Coney Beach area. Joseph was educated at King's School, Canterbury, before returning to Swansea Technical College. As an apprentice at Western Engineering he was sent

Beach. At 21 he became general manager of the amusement park. Joseph served as a major in the Royal Engineers in the

generating supply at Coney

Sudan during the second world war and afterwards became managing director of Battersea Park fun fair. However, two miles to the east a far more ambitious scheme was taking shape - a garden on the South Bank to be the centre-piece of the 1951 Festival of Britain, an opportunity to shake off the privations of war. But the administration was becoming a nightmare. Joseph took charge and quickly turned it into a profitmaking success, for which he

was knighted in 1953. In the early 1950s he became chairman of the National Amusements Council, the Amusement Caterers' Association and the Housing Production Board for Wales. The caterer for the Festival of Britain was Charles Forte,

pertise in the leisure industry could generate catering opportunities; together they created Forte's leisure division. When Forte merged with

Trust Houses in 1970. Joseph became vice-chairman of the enlarged group until his retirement in 1980. Later, when that group's leisure interests were spun off to form a separate quoted company. First Leisure, Joseph became a director there until his retirement through ill-health last year. Joseph was High Sheriff

and then Deputy Lieutenant of Mid-Glamorgan. His hobbies were horticulture and ceramics, and he amassed a fine collection of Welsh porcelain and pottery. He co-wrote a book Swansea Porcelain: Shapes and Decoration.

He married, in 1934, Irene Murphy, who died in 1987. In 1989 he married Christine Jones. She survives him, with two daughters from his first marriage.

Birthdays

today

Mr Muhammad Ali, boxer, 50:

Sir Malcolm Chaplin, chartered surveyor, 58; Sir Michael Clapham former chairman, IMI.

80: Mr Justice Mervyn Davies. 74: Sir Edward Fennessy, radar pioneer, 80: Mrs Monica Fur-

long, writer, 62; Lord Joseph, CH, 74; Mr Anthony Kenney,

obstetrician and gynaecologist

50: The Right Rev Nigel McCulloch, Bishop of Wakefield, 50: Mr Tony Mullins, jockey, 30:

Sir Geoffrey Pattie, MP, 56; Professor W.B. Robertson, histo-

pathologist, 69; Mr Vidal Sas-

soon, hair stylist, 64: Miss Moira Shearer, ballerina, 66; Professor

Sir David Smithers, radiologist

84: Mr Clyde Walcott, cricketer, 66: Mr George Walker, governor,

Styal Prison, 55; Miss Gillian

Weir, organist, 51; Mr Paul Young, singer, 36.

of the Scottish Rugby Union, will

attend the union's committee

dinner at the Signet Library,

Parliament Square. Edinburgh.

EDITH VOGEL

Edith Vogel, Austrian-born British pianist, died on January 15 aged 79: She was born on December 1, 1912.

EDITH Vogel was one of the

most dedicated, logical and stimulating plants s of her generation, but because she had absolutely no interest in personal promotion she was acknowledged as a great artist only by those who were most knowledgeable about integrity in playing the plano. Fortunately she numbered among her friends and disciples the BBC producers. Stephen Plaistow and Misha Donat, both of whom knew and loved her work, so that she became a regular contributor to the Proms and to the BBC lunchtime concerts at Smith Square, not to forget a whole heap of recitals in the studio. In all these she revealed herself a leading exponent of Beethoven and Schubert among others of the Austro-German school.

She was a highly original musician who never made any sort of compromise. Her playing was notable for her old-school legato and personal style of fingering. Every piece she tackled was approached from scratch. For instance, on one occasion the the American wing of the City of Birmingham Symphony invited her to play Rachmaninov's Third Concerto, something way outside her regular repertoire. Before he was appointed to the boards of Rank Hovis accepting the commission. she slaved away at its difficulties and only when she had fully understood its structurewould she take on the challenge. The performance, inevitably, proved revelatory. She was sometimes accused, in a derogatory way, of being a structuralist, but that was just

the obverse side of her intellectual control and her astonishing leaps of imagination. She made her public debut in Vienna, where she had moved as an infant, when she was only ten and her first broadcast in Austria took place when she was 15. She received a prize at a competi-

tion won by Gileis. She was to have studied with the great Richard Robert but he died just before she could begin her studies with him. Instead. she went to his pupil, one Madam Loew, a martinet with a penchant for showpieces, not very much to the young Vogel's liking.

Having survived that, she was just establishing her reputation in Vienna and was being encouraged by Schnabel when she was forced to flee the Nazis. She came to London, ending up on Victoria station with just ten shillings in her hand. Undaunted, she began to make her way in her adopted country, even contemplating playing at the Windmill Theatre. Gradually she made her way on to the recital and concert circuit, and since she was uninterested in publicity and withour a regular agent her career continued to be erratic. Besides, she had married Herbert Jeffrey, a polio victim the survives her), whom she diligently looked after for the rest of her life.

Radio Three's advecacy of her playing since the 1900s gave her a regular platform. Audiences marvelled at her performances of such Everests of the repertoire as Beethoven's Hammerklavier Sonata, Schubert's Wanderer Fantasy and Brahms's Paganini Variations. Another spe-ciality of hers was Beethoven's Choral Fantasy with orchestra: Klemperer is said to have told her she was one of the few planists who really understood its awkward structure.

She became a teacher at the Guildhall School of Music, where her total dedication was passed on to a new generation. While she was a strict disciplinarian where technical matters were concerned, she was also a considerate person who took an interest in the whole life of her pupils.



MUHAMMAD KENYATTA

Muhammad Kenyatta, eral government for violating American civil rights leader. died on January 3 aged 47. He was born in 1944.

MUHAMMAD Kenyatia. who began life as Donald Brooks Jackson, had firsthand experience of the black man's struggle for equality in the United States. As a worker for the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party in the late 1960s, he fell victim to the FBI's "Cointelpro" programme, which was aimed at disrupting and discrediting people considered to be dangerous radicals.

It was a description that hardly fitted Kenyatta, who at the time was helping to orga-nise the Head Start scheme for impoverished children. and was merely trying to encourage black participation in Southern politics. This was enough, however, to persuade three FBI agents to forge a threatening letter.

Kenyana leh Mississippi, but proceeded to sue the fed-

his constitutional right to tree speech. It took 16 years for the case to come to trial, and a jury in Jackson, Mississinni. finally ruled against him. But by that time Kenyatta had long since achieved respectability both as a legal scholar

and as a civil rights crusader. He attended Harvard Divinity School, where he was a Merrill Fellow in 1973-74. received a bachelor's degree from Williams College in 1981 and earned a degree from Harvard Law School three years later. From 1984 to 1985 he was a Harvard fellow in public interest law.

For several years Kenyatta was vice-chairman of the Pan African Skills project, an education programme covering the US, Tanzania and Ghana. Since 1988 he had been a visiting professor at the University of Buffalo school of law. He is survived by his wife.

Mary, two sons and one daughter

Dinners

The Mayor of Kensington and Chelsea The Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, Councillor Mrs Frank Taylor, and the Mayor's Escort, Mr George Taylor, gave a dinner party in the Mayoral Suite at the Town Hall, Kensington, last night. The guests were:

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The High Commissioner for New
Zealand, Lord and Lady Chorley. Mr
Gary Flather, QC and Baroness Flather,
the Hon Lady Althen, Sir Hardy Amiles,
Sir Anthony and Lady Garner, Lady
Trethowan, Lady Titchener-Barren. Mr
Robert Titchener-Barren. Lieutenam
Commander and Mrs Gerald Bruton,
Mr and Mrs Neil Durden-Smith, Mr
Roger Hoffen. Mr. and Mrs Ermest
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Arthur, Teit.
Commission of Chaptened

Company of Chartered Mr R.G. Wilkes, Master of the

Company of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, presided, assisted by Mr F.E. Worsley, Senior Warden, and Mrs B.M. Culvertiouse, Junior Warden, at the Winter livery dinner held last night at Fishmongers' Hall. General Sir John Akehurst, the Senior Warden and Mr Samuel Jones, Town Clerk of the Corporation of London, also

The Master announced that a

Cermonial Sword will be pre-sented to the Honourable Artillery Company, who are affiliated to the company, and will be given annually as a mark of excellence to the outstanding officer of the year. Among other present were: The Secretary of the Institute of Character Accountants in England and water. Lieureans Colonel Order Wingue, NAC, the Massers and Clerks of the Safers' Character Saferyor's and Information Dermologists' Companies and the Deputy Master of the Polifical Company.

at a dinner of the Chester Business Club held last night at the Abbots Well Hotel, Chester, Colonel John Blashford-Snell was the net John biashioro-sheil was ine guest of honour and Mr Chris Macdonald chairman, presided. Mr Hugh Jones and Mr Bob Clough-Parker, secretary, also

Bowthorpe Holdings PLC Mr Anthony Vice, Chairman, and fellow directors were hosts at a dinner held on Thursday. January 16, in honour of Mr Raymond Parsons, CBE, on the occasion of his retirement as Chairman of the Company.

Service dinner RAF Strike Command

Group Captain J.A. King pre-sided at a dining-in night dinner held last night at Headquarters Strike Command, High Wycombe, to dine out Group Captain the Rev D.V.R. Harvey, Wing Commander J. Huichings, Wing Commander P.J.C. Johnston. Squadron Leader M.G. Blinman and Flight Lieutenam J.S. Honeyman, WRAF, on their retirement from the RAF. Air Marshal Sir John Kemball, Dep-ury Commander in Chief, HQ RAF Strike Command, received the guests.

The Royal School, Hampstead

The Governing Body of the Royal School, Hampstead, has appointed Mrs Carol Sibson, BA. to be Principal of the school from September 1992. She will succeed Mrs Christine Griffiths, BA, who is retiring.

Order of the **British**

The Queen has commanded that a service of the Order of the British Empire is to be held in St Paul's Cathedral at liam on Wednesday. May 13, 1992. The Duke of Edinburgh. Grand Mas-ter of the Order, will be present.

Empire

Those belonging to the Order, and holders of the British Empire Medal, who wish to attend. should apply for a ticket giving their name, address, appointment (GBE, KBE, DBE, CBE, OBE, MBE, BEM) and other decora-tions in block capitals, as soon as possible and not later than Thursday, March 12, 1992, to the Registrar of the Order, Central Chancery, St James's Palace, London, SW1A 1BH.

No tickets are available for spouses who are not Members or Medallists of the Order, or guests. due to the size of the Order and the limited seating capacity in St Paul's Cathedral.

Luncheon

Commonwealth Secretary-Chief Emeka Anyaoku, Commonwealth Secretary-General was nost yesterday at a luncehon at Over-Seas House, St James's, in

honour of Mr Federico Mayor Zaragoza. Director-General of Unesco. Among those present were. The High Commissioner (at Singapore, the High Commissioner for Botswada, Sir David Steel, MP. Sir Mark Richmond, Sir Raymond Ricken, Mr Luts Marques, MS Annar Cessam, Mr Tom Forstenzer, Mr Paul Boueng, MP, Mr Im Lester, MP, Mr George Robertson, MP, Mr Mark Robinson, Dr Mohan Kaul and Mr Man Gastard

Memorial services

Major-General Sir Rohan Delacombe The Queen was represented by Earl Howe and the Duke of

Edinburgh by Admiral Sir Desmond Cassidi at a memorial service for Major-General Sir Rohan Delacombe held yesterday in the Crypt Chapel. St Paul's Cathedral. The Prince of Wales was represented by Sir John Riddell, the Princess Royal by Brigadier Charles Ritchie, who also gave an address, and Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester by Miss Jane Egenon-Warburton.

The Dean of St Paul's officiated, assisted by the Rev Stephen Waine. Mr Christopher Delacombe, son, and Major-General Cosmo Nevill read the lessons. The Australian High Commissioner and the Agent General for Victoria attended. Among others present were:

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Lady Delacombe (widow). Mrs Christopher Delacombe (daughter-in-law), Miss Caroline Delacombe and Miss Katle Delacombe (granddaughters), Mr James Murray, Major and Mrs J B Oliphani, Miss Carrons Oliphani, Mr Janet Oliphani, Mr Angus Oliphani, Mr and Mrs Edmund Staunton.

and Mrs Edmund Staumon.

The Duke of Norfolk Major-General Lord Michael Filzain Howard. Earl and Coumess Cathean. Lord and Lady Terrington. Lord and Lady Touche. Lady Carrington. Lord and Lady Touche. Lady Carrington. Lord and Lady Killearn. Lord and Lady Congleton. Lord Wigzarn. Elizabeth Lady Maciean. the Mon John Nivison. the Hon Lady Bowater. Major Sir Richard and Lady Raseh

Field Marshal Sir Roband Gibbs. General Sir Thomas and Lady Pearson. Uculcinant-General Sir Roband Pearson. Uculcinant-General Sir Roban Richardson. Lieuzenant-General Sir Roban Richardson. Lieuzenant-General Sir Robander Bogwell. Major Sir Anthony and Lady Traton. Sir Jack Rampton Irepresenting the Britain-Adstralla Society. Lady Legge Bourke. Lady McKay. Lady Sykes. Sir Victor and Lady Garland. Lady Tomilinson. Lady Poner Major-General M. Fortester The

Stanley Eskell (Returned Services League, Australia). Brigadier Michael Doyle (British Commonweath E-Services League). Commander J D Sayer and Mrs Ellen Sayer (Victoria League). Dr Morris Barr (Victorian Advisory Committee) and Mrs Barr, Mr F W Nanson (Royal British Legion). Mr A J Beale (Chartered Institute of Marketing).

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Mrs Cosmo Nevill, Mr Derck Nimmo.
Major-General and Mrs R E T St John,
Major-General P M Davies, MajorGeneral W T Campbell, Mrs John
Mastenon-Smith, Mrs Shella Pirle, Mr
Robert Rev. Mp. Captain John Dairympile, Mr and Mrs T Vickers, Mc and Mrs
Peter Foster, Mr and Mrs Peter
Grotenbuls, Brigadier B N L Fleicher
and Mr Martin Shaw. Mr Dick Roberts A service of thanksgiving for the

life and work of Mr Dick Roberts

was held yesterday at St Martin-in-the-Fields. The Rev Nigel

Nicholson officiated and gave an address Mr Bryan Toye, President of the Royal Warrant Holders' Association, and Mr Richard Norman. Chairman of the British Radio and Electronic Equipment Manufacturers' Association (BREMA), read the lessons.

Sevenoaks School Sinth Form Scholarships (992 The following awards have been

made:

Bleyberg International Bac scholarships: Ewan Johnson (Danford Grammar): Alasdair McGregor (Sevenoaks). dibitions:
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Today's royal engagement The Princess Royal, as President

at 8.15.

Lecture Institution of Mechanical. Engineers Mr James Burton delivered the British Fluid Power Association

of the

Young Engineers' prize lecture-yesterday to the Institution of Mechanical Engineers at 1 Birdeage Walk. Mr Ron Mellor.

Chester Business Club The Mayor of Chester was present

DEATHS.

BOWYER On January 18th, suddenly at home. John Louis Martin, Forwarty of Lincoin's Inn. Dearly loved museum of Juliet and Jarrany. Cremation at Ooklers Green Cremation at Ooklers Green Cremation at J. Blackwell. & Son., 20 High Street, Barmel, Herts.

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ELLIS - On New Year's Eve.
John Patterson Masseking.
Llack). Very dear husband of
Peggy. Sather of Resemany
and John and grandfather of
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of Oak Cottage Nursing
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Headmaster of Orley Farm.
Harrow-on-the-Hill. The
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Multiple Scierosis Society. 25
Effle Rd., London Sw6 IFE.
FOSTER - On January 15th

DEATHS

20th st 2.30 pm. Family flowers only donations welcomed c/o The Mairon.

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15th 1992. peacefully in the
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beloved wife of Richard and
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Angela and Helein, daughter
of Mary Hynes, mother-inlaw of Hugh and
grandmother of Otiver. So
many wise words
Thankyou'
WAIT - On January 14th.

Thankyou

WAIT - On January 14th,
peacefully at home, Peter
Lothien Külligrew, much
loved husband of Bridget and
father of Virginia, Mark,
Harriet and Penelope,
Funeral Service at St Anne's
Church, Kew Green, on
January 23rd at 2.15 pm
followed by cremation at
Mortlake crematorium,
Enquiries to T.H. Sanders,
tel: (081) 948-1581.

WEDGWOOD - On January

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WOOD - On January 9th
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Horse in Turbridge Wells.
Gerard Kennath, nuch loved
brother of Cecil. Family
flowers only but donations
may be sent to Oxfam, 274
Banbury, Road, Oxford, OX2
9DZ for the Sudanese
Project.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BRUCE-JOHNSTON - A Service of Thanksgiving for Margaret Evelyn Helmore (RIII) Bruce-Johnston will be

held in Dover College Chaper at 2.50 pm on Sunday February 2nd 1992. Those hoping to attend are asked to notify John Turmpenny at Dover. College, Dover, tel: (0304) 205959.

(0304) 206959.

MARTIN-BIRD - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Christopher Jelf Martin-Bird. Chairman of Yates's Wine Lodges PLC. will be held at Manchester Cathedral on Thursday February 6th 1992 at 12.30 pm.

LEGAL NOTICES

A form of Proxy is enclosed Dated this 16th day

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IN THE HIGH COURT
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Alexander Edward.

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BERNETT - On January 8th, at St. Peter's Hospital, at St. Peter's Hospital, Cherisey, to Patrick and Mary Jane, a son, James Charles,

BOTSFORD - On December 26th, to Caroline inte Green) and Chris, a daughter, Annabel Sophie Natalia, a sister for Emily.

CRAVEN - On January 15th, in New York, to Sally (née Sutton) and Mark a son.

To Caroline inte Berty) and Mark, a son Thomas Dingad.

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January 20th.

JOMES - On January 15th.
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Nurshing Home, Wimbledon,
Mondon Mary, sister of the
late Adrian Jones. Requient
Mase at Brompton Oratory.
11 am January 24th.

LAING - On January 15th, at
Stowlangtoft. Violet, widow
of Rodney and mother of
Addan and Mimi. Requient
Mass at St Edmand's
Church. Wesigate Street.
Bury St Edmunds, at noon
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1992. In hospital. Alexander
James, aged 84. of
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Oxon.

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brother for Emily and Katie.

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daughler, Sabrena Laura. oaughter, Sabrena Laura.

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4th 1992. to Sereou (née
Maude) and Robert, a
daughter, Lucy Carol.

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1992 to Margaret and Devid,
a daughter, Lucy Kathryn.

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MeLELIAR On January
16th 1992 at home. His
Honour Eric Burns
McLellan, aged 73, a very
dear hreshend of Elsa and a
beloved and loving father,
father-in-law mnd
grandfather. The funeral
service is to be held at the
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Evelyn Statiock. of
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Professor Eric Balliol
Moullin. peacefully at
Cambridge, aged 87 years.
Funeral Service at St John's
Church. Hills. Road.
Cambridge, on Tuesday Janusry 21st at 11 am. Floral
tributes may be sent to Brian
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Harshal Court. Hartington
Grove, Cambridge.

PATEMAN - On January 15th, in Watford General Hospital, Norman aged 81. dearly loved father of Hillary

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Edith. Concert Planist and a
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School of Music and Drama,
beloved wife of H.E. Jeffrey,
in St. Mary's Hospital.
London W2. aged 79 years.

SEVIR - On January 14th, peacefully at Cloamannon.
Co Wicklow. Noël Sidney, aged 92, wife of the late Sir Anthony Bevir and mother of Bill and George Birback. Funeral Service at Wicklow Parish Church. Church Hill, on Tuenday January 21st at 11 am, followed by private cremation. Thanksgiving Service and inferment of ashes at Christ Church. Castlebar. on Tuenday February 18th at 2.50 pm. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to Irish No flowers please but donations, if desired, to trish Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, c/o Edward BONVIN - On Tuesday January 14th 1992. January Off History
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93rd year. Dear mother of

Susanna and grandmother of

Maissin Catherine Thomas

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the Declaration of Independence.

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YEAR"

PHILADELPHIA, JAN 4: New

Year's Day was ushered in with

unusual festivities throughout the

United States. It began the Centennial year, and the celebrations

everywhere were intensified by the patriotic feeling of the time. In all our towns and cities the mass of the

population were out of doors until

long after midnight on the 31st December, and public meetings,

devotional exercises, processions.

bonfires, illuminations, salutes, the

ringing of bells, and other rejoicings

welcomed the New Year. This

celebration was almost universal,

and the midnight air resounded

with the shouts of multitiudes, the

uproar being increased by blowing,

locomotive and factory steam whis-

tles, ringing bells, firing cannon, and by every other available method

This celebration naturally culmi-

nated in Philadelphia, which is coming to be regarded as the "Centennial City," on account of

the Centennial flavour pervading

everything. The immediate celebra-

tion here was the raising of a

"Centennial flag" upon Indepen-

dence Hall at midnight. History

tells us that upon the 2nd of

January, 1776, General Washington

raised upon Independence Hall the

first flag of the new American

nation, which had not yet separated

A facsimile of this flag was

prepared and raised at the same

place, the initial moment of the

New Year being chosen for the

from the Mother Country, but had,

nevertheless, adopted a standard.

of making a noise.

ON THIS DAY 1876 celebration. The flag is the ensign of the United States, with its 13 red and white stripes, but in the corner where the stars are now placed, The War of American Independence opened in April 1775 with the instead of them is a copy, upon a blue ground, of the British Union Jack. This flag, which is practically the British and American colours defeat of the British at Lexington and Concord. The peak of the "Centennial", indeed of any year in the United States, is July 4 comcombined, has been adopted as the flag of Philadelphia, and as such was raised upon Independence Hall memorating Congress's passing of by the Mayor.

This ceremony drew an enormous multitude to the neighbourhood of the hall, and by half-past llp.m., fully 1000,000 people crowded the open space in front of the hall. Independence Square in the rear, and Chestnut, Walnut, Fifth, Sixth. and the other neighbouring

The moment the clock had ceased striking 12, the bell-ringer seized the hammer upon the bell and struck 1-7-7-6, and immediately afterwards 1-8-7-6, and then 100 strokes for the century. All the bells in the city on churches, public buildings, factories, and schoolbouses took up the clangour. The steam whistles everywhere were blown. Cannon and musketry were fired, and there was a noise as if Bedlam had broken loose.

This went on for a half hour, the people shouting themselves hoarse, and aiding the noise-making procass by every available appliance for making a din. All this time the "Centennial flag" was stretched out in the air, illuminated by the brilliant white light, while the red and blue fires beneath gave the American colours. Such a scene has never been witnessed before in Philadelphia; and it was an extraordinary though appropriate midnight welcome to the Centennial

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DERSU UZALA (U): Revival of Kurosawa's haunting, elegiac film exploring human values in a Siberian forest. 1975. . ICA Cinema (071-930 3847)

DON'T TELL HER IT'S ME (12):
Shy bachelor (Steven Guttenberg)
pursues his dream gut (Jamie Gertz)
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Hideous, unfunity comedy. With
Sheltey Long: director, Malcolm
Mowbray.
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FFRANKIE AND JOHNNY (15):
Short-order cook (Al Pecino) courts a wary waitness (Michelia Pfeiffer).
Synthetic adaptation of Terrence

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FREDDY'S DEAD: THE FINAL
NIGHTMARE (18): Child-killer Freddy
Krueger's last, but not linest, hour.
Some patry 30 effects: a few fively
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Englund; director, Rechel Talalay.
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LITTLE MAN TATE (PG). How and how not to rear a child protigy. An engaging young player (Adem Hann-Byrd) and sensible direction (Jodie Foster) easily offset the facile

Odeon Haymarket (0425 915353). MISSISSIPPI MASALA (15): Indians displaced from Uganda to Mississippi frei over race and young love. Sharp Insights, but soggy at the centre Starring Sarita Choudhury, Denzel Washington, Director, Mira Neir. Curzon Wast End (071-439 4805).

PI BECKET: Riveting performances from Derek Jacobi and Robert Lindsay in Anoulih's play on the relationship between Thomas & Becket and Henry II. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8600). Mon-Sat, 7,30pm, mate Wed, Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

I THE CABINET MINISTER: Derek EJ THE CABINE! MINIST PRI Derex Namna and Maurean Lipmen in a snob-bish, largely unfurmy Pinero comedy. Albery, St Marth's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

Z DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brian Friel's Offwier Award-winning memory. play, set in 1930s Donegal, returns with a new cast.

with a new cast. Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Set, 4pm. 150mins. ☐ A DYBBUK FOR TWO PEOPLE: Bruce Myers, Corinne Jaber play many roles in this Yiddish tale of the

supernatural Accomplished, intense, Hampstead, Swiss Coltage Centre, NW3 (071-722 8301). Mon-Sal, 8pm, mail Sat, 4pm, 60mins. (I) AN EVENING WITH GARY LINEKER: Sometimes droft look at the tentasies of a woman mented to a

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THE MADNESS OF GEORGE III; Nigel Hawthome is very fine as a

AN AFFAIR WITH NUMBERS: The 88C, having performed a signal service for Hans Werner Henze at the Serbican this are less year, now turns at attention to Alban Berg for a waskend of four concerts supplemented by a showing on Saturday at 5om of Barrie Gewn's 1977 television film on the composer. The Nash Ensemble kicks the event off with a programme of songs — including some of the recently published Jugandileder — and chember works. Later the BBC Symphony works, Later the BBC Symphony Orchestra gives two evening orchestral concerts, and the Lindsay Quarter, Sarsh Walker and Peter Donohoe join forces in a Sunday afternoon programme which includes the Lync Suite with its vocal linate. Barbigen Cantra 2 and/or EC2 1971 Barbican Centre, London EC2 (071-638 8891), tonight, tomori Sun, 4.45pm and 7.30pm.

NEW WORLD SYMPHONY: Michael Tilson Thomas's Mami-based orchestra, founded in 1988 for musicians fresh out of American conservatories, is on a British tour peginning in Glasgow, with two London lates at the Barbican later in January. Dains MacGregor is the soloist in Prokofiev's Second Plano conterto which comes between Copland's the Kid and Brahms's Fourth

Symphony. Royal Concert Hall, Buchenan Street, Clasgow (041-227 5511), tonight, 7.30pm. Symphony Hall, Broed Street, Birmingham (021-212 3333), tomorrow.

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♦ FLIPTING (12): Steps to maturity at segregated Ausers boarding schools in 1965. Delightful sequel to The Year My voice Brake from director John Durgan. With Nosh Taylor, Thandle Newton. Cannotes: Balest Street (071-935

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LIEBESTRAUM (18) Mike Figgis's dark, wild tale of love, death and caeting architecture. Intokesting at first, but yewns creep in. Starring Kewin Anderson, Pameia Gidley, Kim Novak. Cannons: Futhern Roed (071-370 2836) Spetisebury Avenue (071-636 8861) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

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PROOF (15): A blind man's

photographs bring emotional complications, intriguing entertainment from new Australian director Jocelyn Moorhouse, With

Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

☐ A SWELL PARTY: Four singers, two pisnists in likesbie tribute to Cole Porter's wit and wry melodies. Vaudeville, The Strand, WCZ (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8,30pm, mats Wed, 2,30pm, Sat, 5,30pm, 140mins.

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27 A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES SROTHERS: Lively parade of tuneful oldies. Good fun. Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Thurs, 8,15pm, Fri, Set, 6.15pm and Spm. 120mins.

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♦ BILLY BATHGATE (15): Heroworshipping kid Johns Dutch Schul gang at 1930s New York. Muffled, disappointing version of E.L. Doctorow's 1986 best-selling novel, Starring Duslin Hoffman, Loren Dean; director, Robert Benton. Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannon Chelses (071-352 5086) ting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) lone: Kensington (0426 914866) aster Square (0426 915883) belbys (071-792 3332).

THE BRIDGE (12): Vapid British costume drama about a Victorian wile summer affair, from Maggle Henningway's novel. With Saskia Reeves, David O'Hera, Director, Syd Cannon Haymarket (071-839 1527)

♦ THE COMMITMENTS (15): Hard-bitten Dublin youngsters form a soul band. Fresh, furny, and buoyantly played by a largely amateur cast. Director, Alan Parker. TOTO THE HERO (15): Jaunty, absurdist correcty about youth, old age and life's disappointments from talentad new Belgian director Jaco van Dormael, With Michel Bouquet, Parkway (071-267 7034) s: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Curzon Maytair (071-465 8885)

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London House full, returns only 🗖 Some seats available ☐ Seats at all prices

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Arthur Miller's disappointingly one-sided play where Tom Conti argues the case for bigamy. Wyndham's, Charing Cross Reed, WC2 (071-867 1116), Mon-Set, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Set, 2.30pm, 150mins.

☐ SOPHISTICATED LADIES: Twelve singer-dancers whiti through the music of Duke Ellington. Obvious routines cannot disguise the true rueful Duke.

THE GULF BETWEEN US: The West

Yorkshire Playhouse receives the world premiere of Trevor Griffiths's new play, subtitled The Truth and Other Fictions.

subtited The Trith and Other Fictions. Described as a "dramate piece of magic realism", the play explores islamic and Western cultures and the parameters of chillisation, and is set outside a bomb-damaged ehrine in an unhamed city. The cast includes leading Palestinian actress Salva Malikarah, Aloram Tilawi and Dave Hill. The conduction is breviewing and

The production is previewing and opens Tuesday. Griffiths also directs. West Yorkshire Playhouse, The

ANGELS IN AMERICA: The National

AMELLS IN AMERICA: The neutones receives the British premiere of Tony Kushner's play subtitled "A Gay Fantsey on National Themes". Acclaimed in San Francisco last yeer, the play focuses on two couples in crisis, one gay, one Mormon. Directed

Quarry, Hill Mount, Leeds (0532

by Declan Donnellan. The play begins previews tonight and opens Thursday. National (Cottesloe), South Bank. London SE1 (071-928 2252), tonight, WEEKEND EVENTS DER FERNE KLANG: Mezzo-soprano Brighte Fassbänder auccessfulity makes her directing debut with Opera North in this revival of Franz Schreker's experimental opera The Distant Sound, first seen in 1912 and now brought to the British stage in a new translation by Paul Daniel. Good musical and vocal performances. Dariel conducts. Grand Theatre, Leeds (0532 458051/440971), tonight, 7 15pm.

THE GUARDSMAN: Jenny Seagro joins the Theatr Clwyd Company to play the central role in Molnar's comic tale of romance and misunderstanding. on containce and masurestanding. Lucy Parker directs. Previews begi tonight end the play opens Tuesda Entry Williams Theatre, Mold, Cty (0352 755114), tonight, tomorrow, 7 45pm.

THE NUTCRACKER: Last chance to THE NU CHALARY LAST CHARGE TO catch English National Ballet's new production of Tchalkovsky's lest ballet. The glittering sets and costumes by Deamond Healey are pretty as a Christmas card, although Ben Streamers Stevenson's choreography is more practical than inspired, ideal for children estival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8900), lonight, tomorrow, 7-30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.30pm.

GISELLE: The Royal Ballet revives Peter Winght's production of what is probably the most famous ballet of the Romantic era. Lesley Collier dance: opposite Mark Silver in tomorrow's matine performance, and Viviani Durante makes her debut as Gise the evening, partnered with trek Mushamedov Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1068), tomorrow, 3.30pm and 8pm.

Minor matters, major keys

TEATRE

Spread a Little Happiness King's Head, Islington

ON COMES a beaming Sheridan Morley in a dinner jacket, too much like a cross between Pavarotti, Santa Claus and the Minotaur for the safety of the stool from which he proceeds to do his linking bits. In troop the cast in 1920s garb to bang out the first of 30odd numbers.

The formula is familiar, but the slimness of the stage, the tackiness of the decor and an orchestra consisting of Tweedledum and Tweedledee on two pianos are not the only things that distinguish what follows from A Swell Party. Sophisticated Ladies and other such animated albums.

Vivian Ellis, a long, stooping figure with powdery white hair and a Garrick Club tie, put it clearly at the curtain call. "It's a great privilege", he told the first-nighters, "when a British composer is given a celebration while he's still around to enjoy it." He should know, for he wrote all the music and some of the lyrics we had heard; and if they lacked the class of Cole Porter, let alone Duke Ellington - well, many had a deft charm all their own.

Ellis tends to address minor matters in major keys: the comedian who feels he is "the victim of Hitler, Emile and Prince Littler"; the lady who lives in Eaton Square and wishes she was back in the Finchley Road; the nanny uncomplainingly complaining of being everybody's mother and nobody's wife.



Rachel Robertson (left), Frank Thornton and Fiona Sinnott

But Ellis most typically addresses love in its ruefully English forms. "Fairest of the fair sex", sings a typically dowdy swain from motorbike, "I'm soaked to my Airtex, icicles are forming on my spine."

That is from Mr Cinders, with

Bless the Bride the best remembered of Ellis's shows. From those two come

his most hummable numbers,

"Spread a Little Happiness" and "Ma Belle Marguerite". But his career lasted from the 1920s through the 1970s, and, as Morkey tells us. produced nearly 400 songs. There is some complexity in Wind in the Willows", "Peace and Quier" and a few others: but most are musically

sweet, simple, and reticent enough for the lyrics to make themselves more fully heard than anybody would dare

expect today. Together, they evoke an equally unfamiliar world. A lad can thyme tiara with "caviara" and apologise for not giving his lass both Another blames the servant problem for the

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untidiness of his room: "It's Friday nd the daily's out."

The postwar period rings its and the daily's out." changes, yet seems almost more alien: "When I'm washing up I can see the sky, every cup and saucer twinkles while I dry ... He'll say, my man, how spick, how span, what wonderful pans on the shelf." Imagine Andrea Dworkin singing that as she stands at

her sink Dan Crawford's cast was hit by file on opening night and seemed in uneven voice; but, once over their hoarseness, Marrice Clarke and Ray C. Davis will doubtless match the limpid Fiona Sinnott and Rachel Robertson. The latter has a superbly gormiess ditty about being lost in the

iog with a dog. Thehma Ruby has her moments too, though Elaine Stritch imitations are no more her forte than sardome torch-somes are Ellis's; but that fine actor Frank Thornton often looks like a game uncle desperately playing ewildering party games with the

The number about Hengist and Horsa ('the cup and the sancer') that he does with Davis is no less awful for winkingly knowing it is awful. Still, in shows like this, you can't win, them all.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

THEATRE

Drowning Young Vic Studio

ANNA, Karen and Remi are drowning in alcohol and this 90-minute theatre-piece by The Women's Troop of Black Mime Theatre offers some reasons why. It is a devised work, and many examples of this creative process combine too much concern for the passing tree with neglect for the surrounding wood.

Not so Drowning. Each of its three parts starts in childhood and flows forward through scenes of social embarrassment and discontent to a final tableau of stupor: individual scenes are vivid but the storylines

remain strong, giving the work the cumulative power of three successive Anna's story begins with her being

used as a weapon, and of course victim, in arguments between her parents. Cassi Pool, a slight figure in a red tracksuit with knee pads, kneels between the other two women, who in this scene represent her parents, and is bombarded with contrary

This is a desolating situation but here, as frequently in the evening, the alarming nature of the events is shot through with comedy that never denies the underlying pain. "I've sat on finer rocks than this chair," complains the mother, and immediately the father orders the child into the street to bring back a rock.

Anna grows up, the other two

players become different members of her family, friends and then onlookers at a dance hall where the adult Anna drowns her fear of other people, In the telling final image she slumps in the arms of her drunken man and again and again rolls down his extended arm to the floor.

Karen (Tracey Anderson) drinks when the pressure of events becomes too unpleasant, when problems in her restaurant recall childhood failures. Remi (Arosemaya Diedrick) is torn from a loving grandmother, seduced and in turn neglects her own children. The course of events is downward in each case, and the pathetic close of Remi's story shows her virtually silenced by gin while Pool, her toddler, tries to sleep and her elder sister (Anderson) gazes at the mother with huge, troubled eyes.

Yet the vigour of the performances rids these scenes of any mawkishness. The vigour of the presentation, too, in Denise Wong's most accomplished production. One seeme defity hims. into the next, moving through a wide range of contemporary situations. Two beely men, snorting with laughter between beers, become three gigging office girls. Two rebellious cheis become two grunting diners, sawing away at their crepes Suzzees. Three upright chairs are the only props: food, domestic objects and the innumerable bottles and glasses are all mimed.

The Women's Troop has taken of an issue seldom addressed in the theatre, never patronises its subjects and the result is exhibitarating.

James Taylor Quartet Jazz Café John Dankworth Orchestra

Ronnie Scott's

NO, NOT James Taylor the gaunt singer-songwriter, sometime husband of Carly Simon. The James Taylor on display in Camden this week is a far more robust creature who grinds out upbeat rhythm 'n' blues and jazz-funk with the help of a stalwart Hammond organ and who, in the space of five years, has amassed a tight-knit band of followers.

Hailed as one of the symbols of the so-called "Acid Jazz" boom, the group seemed to be on the verge of broader acclaim three years ago when it signed to one of the major record companies. Album sales remained stubbornly low, however, and there was eventually a parting of the ways. The recent live set, Absolute, came out on the Big Life label. The appearance at the Jazz Café

marked the beginning of a five-night residency. The reasons for Taylor's popularity were immediately obvious: brash keyboard and percussion-based

riffs, a have hint of jazz sophistication and the stamina to outlast all but the most determined party-goers.

As a formula it is simple, often crude, yet effective on its own terms. Like Tommy Chase, that other muchmaligned phenomenon, Taylor at least knows how to reach and engage a young audience. Whether they will go on to listen to Miles Davis's Kind of Blue is another matter. Taylor's habit of thrashing out "Also Sprach Zarathustra" also indicates that his sense of humour is very much intact. Across town on the same night

John Dankworth's big band was digging in to its post-Christmas residency. A genial master of cere-monies, Dankworth deployed his annual joke, describing his personnel as a mixture of "doddering senility and pathetic inexperience". That blend of old and new talent is precisely the main virtue of the band, with the wily Don Rendell, for instance, acting as a counterweight to the urgent and ever more lucid tenor saxophonist David O'Higgins. This was a far more animated set

than the last I heard by the band. As such it formed a suitable memorial to Dankworth's much-valued collaborator and orchestrator David Lindup, who died earlier this month.

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Giselle

HEAVINESS is both the strength and the weakness of the Royal Ballet's production of Giselle revived this week. Peter Wright provides the subject with solidity to make its romantic other-worldliness credible to modern audiences; the melodrama of Act I, with its betrayed peasant girl. its philandering Count, madness and death; and the supernatural beings of Act II, ghosts of women who are out for their revenge on treacherous

the romantic spirit gets hidden under the weight of a large cast, a sombre setting, a careful concentration on background details: John F. Maciarlane's designs are the main problem. At each revival since the production's premiere in 1985, I hope I am going to be convinced by this usually excellent artist's interpretation, butthat has not happened.

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(the costumes included) that visibility is impaired. The handling of the music, how-

ever, is a strong point. Adam's original score has undergone many switches, adaptations and interpolations over the course of 150 years. Joseph Horovitz's orchestration, based on Henri Busser's 1924 research in Paris, persuasively aims to reconcise these within t poser wanted his music to sound like. How well the production works at

any performance depends much on how far its interpreters can impose the passionate romantic feeling upon it. This run is to see several debuts and guest appearances, but the first night, on Monday, was given to the senior cast of Lesley Collier and Mark Silver. She still has a fluency and swiftness in her dancing and a sincerity in her acting, so that it hardly matters that her technique is beginning to fray a little at the edges: not much jump left. and feet not always well-stretched. Silver partners well, dances with vigour if no great virtuosity, and acts conscientiously. But there is a dryness to his playing that leaves no sense of romance. There should be more exciting performances to come over the next month.

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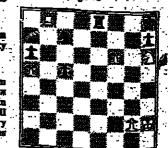
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1.00 One O'Clock News and weather (74681). 1.30 Neighbours. (Ceelax) (s) (82823302).

1.50 Film: Only When I Larf (1968) starring Richard Attenborough, David Hemmings and Alexandra Stewart. Fitfully amusing caper, based on the Lan Deighton novel, about three fraudsters who arrange an elaborate deception to dump a load of scrap metal on an African revolutionary who thinks he is buying arms. Directed by Besil Dearden (87402659).

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9.60 Nine O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (2017)

9.30 Love Hurts. Affable comedy drama by Laurence Marks and Maurice Gran of Birds of a Feather with Adam Faith as a wealthy love-sick businessman in romantic pursuit of charity worker Zoé Wanarmaker (Ceefax) (s) (278889). Wales: Welsh Sports Personality of the Year

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10.20 Film: Critical Condition (1987) starring Richard Pryor and Joe Marriegna. A disappointing comedy vehicle for Pryor who plays a comman who is arrested but manages to convince the authorities that he is insene. Directed by Michael Apted. (Cesfax) (119659). Northern Ireland: Sportscene 10.45-12.45am Film: The Boys From Brazil; Wales: 10.20 Love Hurts 11.10-12.50am Film: Critical Condition.



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12.00 Film: The Wicker Man (1973)

O Filtra: The Wicker Men (1973)
O CHOKCE: Robin Hardy's accomplished thriller was martyred by the distributor, EMI, who cut it by 16 minutes and pushed it out as a second feature. Critics and audiences were not deterred and the lim has acquired a deserved cut status. The script by Anthony Schaffer of Sleuth sends a straight-laced police sergeent (Edward Woodward) to a remote Scottish island to investigate the disappearance of a young girl. The locals give him a hard time as he stumbles on pagan rituals which come to a terrilying climax on May day. Christopher Lee is suitably chilling as the local laird. Hardy handles his debut film with impressive assurance. He makes strong use of local atmosphere and brings but the conflict between the staunchly Christian Woodward character and the primitive rites being celebrated on the island. The film is being shown in a restored longer version (29321) 1.30am Weather shown in a restored longer version (29321) 1.30am Westher

(BBC) 8.00, BBC Breakfast News (1357388).

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at Marrayfield to preview temorrow's five nations championship
metch between Scotland and England; Table Tennis, action from
the finals of the English onen at the National Indoor Arena the finals of the English open at the National Indoor Arena, Birmingham, Skiling: the men's downhill from Kitzbuhel The entator is Tony Gubba. Includes news and weather at 3.00 and 3.50 (68310415)

4.35 Catchword. Game show for wordsmiths (5562036)
5.05 Behind the Headlines. Snyama Perera reviews Oliver Stone's controversial film JFK and examines the conspracy theories about he assassination of President Kennedy (6610765)

5.35 The Clothes Show. Includes items on aromatherapy and massage and a model agency for larger women (f) (s) (790982)
6.00 Thunderbirds. Classic puppet series created by Gerry and Sylvia Anderson (f). (Ceefax) (518307)
6.50 Dr Wiso (b/w). Episode three of the four-part adventure The Time Medicler, first shown in 1965, starring William Hartnell (540663)
7.15 100 Per Cent. Topical magazine series for teenagers (439746)
8.00 The Lynn Siddons Murder.
6.54 CHOICE: The case of Lynn Siddons made level history in

 CHOICE: The case of Lynn Siddons made legal history in December when the High Court awarded the family damages for her murder, although no one had been convicted for the offence. Lynn was 16 when her mutilated body was found near her Derbyshire home in 1978. A 15-year-old boy was charged with the murder but found not guilty. In court the boy said his step-father, Michael Brookes, carried out the killing. Brookes has always protested his innocence and the police and the Director of Public Prosecutions have insisted that they do not have enough evidence to charge him. This has never satisfied the Siddons family and at the heart of this careful reconstruction of the case is their long campaign for justice. It has been led by Lynn's redoubtable grandmother, Flo, described by Phillip Whitehead, the tormer MP for Derby North, as "one of the most remarkable women I have

known" (5611) Old Garden, New Gardener. How to turn overgrown grass into a 8.30 Old Ga lawn. (Ceefax) (4746)



Branching into television: comedienne Victoria Wood (9.00nm) 9.00 Victoria Wood as Seen on TV. A repeat run of the comedy series

from 1985 featuring the classic spoof soap Acom Antiques (8889) 9.30 The Washington Version.

OCHOICE: Part two of this absorbing oral history of the Guift conflict covers the months of hectic diplomacy which preceded operation Desert Storm. The United States administration had to tread a delicate path. The war cabinet was divided. Should it give sanctions a chance or push for war? As President Bush pondered whether to intervene unilaterally in Kuwait or seek authority from the United Nations he received a famous piece of advice from Mrs Thatcher: "George, this is no time to go wobbly." Interviews with key players reveal the administration's difficult juggling act. It had to gain the support of the international community, notably the Soviet Union. At the same time it had to win over sceptical congressmen and a large body of public opinion which feared that a war against Saddam Hussein would be another Vietnam. The story is not without moments of humour, as when the burly and control deputity congressment of chital awarange Escalebaccer tried to genial deputy secretary of state Lawrence Eagleberger tried to foist a Bush video on a reluctant iraqi diplomet (31524)

10.30 Newanight presented by Sue Cameron (239901)
11.15 What the Papers Say (423098). Wates: Wates in Westminster 11.45-12.00 What the Papers Say
11.30 Scrutiny. The work of the Commons select committees (82727)
12.00 Weather (6021321)
12.05am Behind the Headlines. See 5.00 (1526215). Ends at 12.40

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6.00 TV-em (6536562) 9.25 Keynotes. Musical quiz game show hosted by Alistair Divail (6303456) 9.55 Themes News (6978982) 10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . John Stapleton chairs a discussion

on a topical subject (5022746)

10.40 This Morning, Family magazine series (3109931)

12.10 Rainbow. For the young: The guest is Patsy Rowiencs (9501096)

12.30 News with John Suchet (Oracle) Weather (5169814) 1.10 Thames News (39706814)

1.20 Home and Away. Australian family drama (Oracle) (5114-1727)
1.50 A Country Practice. Medical drama senal set in an Australian outback town (s) (60101901) 2.20 Highway to Heaven. The first of a new series of adventures for the

probationary angel, on earth to earn his wings, starting the late Michael Landon (1139388) 3.15 ITN News headines (4731035) 3.20 Themes News headines (4738949) 3.25 The Young Doctors (6097386; 3.55 European Football Championship Draw, live from Gothenburg

4.05 Tiny Toon Adventures. Cartoon (2882982) 4.25 Truckers. Animated adventures (9759185) 4.40 Wooff Camed, adventures of a boy who turns into a dog at unexpected times. (Cracle) (s)

(55558833)5.10 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (s) (6606562).

5.40 News with Fiona Armstrong. (Oracle) Weather (989845) 5.55 6 O'Clock Live presented by Frank Bough. Among the guests are Lynda Bellingham and James Bolam, stars of the cornecty senses Second Thoughts (722388)

8.55 The Day. Twenty-four hours in the life of 43-year-old cerebral palsy sufferer Kim Jessop (505562)

7.00 Family Fortunes. Ouiz game show hosted by Les Dennis (3017)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) (833)



If looks could kill: Paul Bown and Emma Wray (8.00pm) 8.00 Watching. Romantic comedy starting Emma Wray and Paul Bown

8.30 Second Thoughts. Perceptive comedy staring James Bolam and Lynda Bellingham as a middle-aged couple contemplating marriage for the second time. When Faith and her friend take themselves off to a health farm, Bill decides to reorganise Faith's

house (s) (1272) 9.00 The Good Guys Undernanding comedy drama about a couple of Guys who share a flat and each other's misadventures. Tonight they both have a secret to keep from each other. Then they discover it is the same secret. Staming Nigel Havers, Keith Barron and, in this episode, Edward Fox. (Oracle) (3099)

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Stewart and Trevor McDonald. (Dracie) Weather (197291) 10.35 LWT News and weather (184582) 10.40 The London Programme. Docklands residents are to launch the biggest legal action in a British court when some 10,000 plaintiffs are claiming compensation of £100 million from developers who, they say, have made their life a misery during the past decade

11.15 Loose Cannon, Standard American police drama senes starring Shadoe Stevens (488340)

12.10am My Riviera. International singing star Charles Aznavour is the guide around the small villages of Provence (4962760)
12.40 Married . . . With Children. American domestic cornedy series

1.05 The James Whale Radio Show. The acerbic chat show host is rude to another collection of phone-in callers (s) (2243079)

2.05 American Gladiators. Trials of strength and strategy for both sexes (s) (7444091)

3.05 CinemAttractions. The latest news from the American movie scene (86283321) 3.35 Raw Power. Rock videos (s) (4012789) 4.35 1991 Grand Sumo Championship from the Nagoya city

gymnasium (2004/05) 5.30 ITN Morning News (77673). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

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9.25 Schools (17287730)
12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Sarah Baxter. Sir Robin Day Internews Roy Hattersley (32098)
12.30 Business Daily The latest market moves and analysis (72104)
1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning sense. The guests are Rhea Perlman and Blair Underwood (77659)
2.00 Film: The Perfect Specimen (1937, b/w). Screwball comedy

staming Errol Flynn as an innocent young man instructed in the ways of the world by the glamorous Joan Blondell Directed by

Michael Curtiz (378123) 3.55 Magoo's Cruise. Carloon in which the myopic hero is mistaken for a secret agent by the crew of an enemy submarine (4785524)
4.00 Travelog Patrick Barlow and his sons sample Provence (r) (582)
4.30 Countdown. Words and numbers game hosted by Richard

Whiteley (746)
5.00 The Fatklands War. The first of a four-part sense evamining the reasons behind the conflict (r) (Teletext) (3630)

6.00 Roseanne Wise-cracking blue coller comedy starring Roseanne Barr (r) (611)

8.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross. The guests are novelist Kathy Lette talking about her latest book The Lama Parlour, and a pair of train spotters. Plus music from Andew Strong, one of the stars of The

7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext) (330901)

7.50 First Reaction (530543)

8.00 Brookside. Soap set in suburban Merseyside (4497)
8.30 Quizbowi International newspapers sports quiz. This week the News of the World sports deak takes on their counterparts on Today (s) (9814) 9.00 Cheers Award-winning American comedy about the staff and

customers of a Boston bar. (Teletext) (s) (5727)
9.30 How Does Your Garden Grow? Philip Wood and David Wilson

discover how seven and a half acres of desolate Downpainck quarry was transformed into a beautiful garden by Raymond and Veronica Magill. (Teletext) (52340)

10.00 Dream On. Adult American comedy staming Brian Bencen as a middle-aged man learning how to be a bachelor again after he and his wife split (33727)

10.30 The Very Bits of Absolutely Highlights from the series of

comedy sketches (526949)

11.05 The Word. Music, film news and showbiz gossip. The guests include Paul Heaton from Beautiful South and athlete Roger Black. Flus an interview with actor Dolph Lungren and Kelly McGillis revealing her tattoo on the beach in Florida (s) (467611)



Frank N. Furter unveils his creation: Tim Curry, centre (12.05am)

12.05am Film: The Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975) starring Tim Curry The season of rock and pop movies continues with this cult spool of science fiction, horror and rock 'n' roll movies. Directed by Jim Sharman (934692)

1.50 Tonight with Jonathan Ross (r) (s) (4285925). Ends at 2.20

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Weather 9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discer: Sue
Lawley's castaway is the
writer, actor and director
Steven Berkoff (s) (r)
9.46 The Village: Nigel Farrell
reflects on life in Bentley,
Hampshire

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10.00-10.30am Murder Most Foul
(FM only): Bullete and
Bellistics. Nick Ross narrates
the second of six murder
investigations where forensic
evidence helped to solve the
case (s)

As London except: 1.55-3.16 Film: Dublin Nightmars* (4534484) 8.00 Calendar (369) 8.30-7.00 Stargazzen (349) 10.40 Film: Secret Witness (1057253) 12.05-1.05 War of the Worlds (3689892) 2.05 Zers Dhen Dein (5267383) 2.10-5.30 Film: Gher Gher Ki Kahani (77020789)

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Another World (2479017) 2.20 Samta Barbera (80553290) 2.45 Wrife of the Week (350466) 3.15 The Brank Paridae (357369)

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10.00 Physical Evidence (1989). Attorney Theresa Russell detends cop Buri Reynolds on a murder charge (589369) 11.45 Stay Hungry (1976): Rich fud Jeff Brüdges talls in love with working grf Selly Field (529272)

PADIO 1
FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Gary King (FM only) 6.00 Smon Mayo 9.00 Smon Bates 12.30an Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies Says.
Let's Do Lunch 3.00 Steve Winght in the Affermoon 5.30 News 32 6.00 Round Table 7.30 The Essential Selection 10.00 Friday Rock Show 12.00-4.00am Andy Peables Double Bit (FM only)

PADIO 2

FM Stereo 4.00am Steve Modden The Early Snow 6.30 Bran Hayes: Good Morrang UKU 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jammy Young 2.00pm
Giona Hunniford 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Mind Your Own Business: The Curate's Egg Comedy series by Andrew Patmer (1 of 6) 7.30 Fintaly hight is Music Night 8.45 Roderick Elms at the pieno 9.00 Listen to the Band 10.00 The Radio 2 Arts Programme 12.05cm Jazz Parade 12.35 Colin Berry with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A little Night Music

1.35am Chicago Joe and the Showgirl [1989]: Kiefer Sutherland and Emity Lloyd embark on a murderous affair (98420418) 10.00 Trans World Sport (38893) 11.00 Lvs Skilng World Cup (5875) 12.30pm Road To Skilng World Cup (5875) 12.30pm Road To Abertville (3845) 1.00 Para-Cape Town Right (98021). Ends at 5.35

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

• Via the Astra and Mercopolo satellities 6.15am 711 Ocean Drive (1950, b/w): A racketeer outwits a gembing syndicate (887785)

8.15 The Dragon That Almost Wasn't (1983; Cartoon (985630) 1.00 Boong (98524) 8.30 Boong (98526) 1.00 Cortical European Championship (31104) 8.30 Europ

11.35 The Diary of Anne Frank (1959) True story of a group of Dutch Jews who had from the Nazis is an Ansaterdam stite (21422659) 2.35 pm Casanova Brown (1944, b,lw): A divorced woman descovers that she is pregnant (30226386) 4.15 The Megic of Dr Snuggles (218746) 6.15 Courage Mountain (1990): A teenage Heids traverses the Swiss Alps (238982) 8.15 Uncle Buck (1999): Comety starring John Candy (12722253) 10.05 A Stranger is Watching (1982): A murdeer holds a news reporter holds a news reporter holds and deughter hostsge (747455) 11.40 Eight Men Out (1999) True story about the 1919 Chicago White Su baseball SCREENSPORT

Via the Astra satellite.
 7.00em Eurobics (36814) 7.30 1992 Winter Olympic Preview (36765) 8.30 Best of U.S Pro Boxing (13017) 9.30 Eurobics (30814) 10.00 African Nations Cup (36843) 11.00 NH.L ice Hockey (44974) 1.00pm Harlem Basketball 1931/92 (39185) 2.00 Wersteiner Ski Speciel (4578) 2.30 African Nations Cup

Jessy Raphael (4428369) 12.50pm Star Time (48517272) 12.55 Search for Tomorow (8807123) 1.20 Skyways (3765562) 2.20 Lifestyle Plus (40944746) 2.30 Power Hita, USA (3231562) 3.25 Self-e-Vision (1945017) 3.50 Tee Break (8765253) 4.00 Dick Van Dyke Show (7017) 4.30 The Great American Gamechows (3932104) 5.25 The Tony Randal Show (2342746) 6.00 The Self-a-Vision Shopping Programme (474814) 9.00 Jukebox Music Videos (8207678)

6.55am Weather, News Headlines 1.30 Morning Concert: William Schuman (American Festival Overture): Rechmaninov

Cverture); Hachmanisnov (Caprice bohémien, Op 12) 7.39 News 7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Bernstein (Overture, Candide); Bartik (flamanian Torri Bartók (Romanian Folk Bartók (Romanian Folk Dances); Morton Gould (Folk Suite); Gershwin (Three Preludes); Kodály (Dances of Marosszek) 8.38 News 8.35 Composers of the Week: Handel (Overfure, Bereruce; St nell'Ircana, Alcina, Act III: nell'ircana, Alcina, Act III; Concerto grosso in G. Op 6 No 1: Scherza infida,

Concerto gresso m G. Op o No 1: Scherza infida. Ariodante, Act II; Trio Sonata in G minor, Op 5 No 5; Final Scene, Atalanta) 9.35 Morning Sequence: Beethoven (Quartet in B flat, Op 18 No 6); Schubert (Lied der Anne Lyle; Fiser Gesen): Harvey. Eliens Gesang); Harvey (Nataraja); Zumsteegi (Maria Shart); C.P.E. Bach (Sonata in A minor); Franz (Fur Einen; O sah' ich auf der Heide dort); Martino (Flute Sonata); Jensan theid the same beliebergen;

(Mein Herz Ist in Hochland); Brahms (Murrays Ermordung); Beethoven (Quartet in F minor, Op 95)

1.30 BBC Weish SO under Tadaaki
Otaka performs Britten (Four
Sea interfudes, Pater Grimes); Sea intertubes, retire Cirries);
Strauss (Horn Concerto No 2
in E flat, David Pyatt); Sibelius
(Symphony No 2 in D, Op 43)
(r) 1.00pm News
1.05 Chamber Music from
Manchester: The planist David
Wilde state Schumann

Wilde plays Schumann (Gesange der Frühe, Camaval) 2.00 Soundings

CHOICE: Michael Ofiver's

history of mechanical music is full of surprises, but thanks to the bombing of Dresden in 1945, what might have been the programme's centre-piece — the Panharmonicon, corresponding to an 52 piece orchestra, for which Beethoven apparently wrote a battle symptony - no longer exists. As a poor substitute. we hear the flesh-and-blood version, with digitallyproduced muskets and cannon. As ample compensation, there is the cinck that plays music specially written by Handel, and a mechanical organ that

plays what could be an

unpublished fragment by Mozert. The musical box recordings are enchanting; t 3.00 American Clarinet Mus Bernstein (Sonata): Schickele (Three Begies); Copland (Soneta) (r) 3.45 Youth Orchestras of the World

in Schleswig-Holstein. Stravinsky (Symphony of Psalms: Schleswig-Holstein Music Society Youth Cheir, State Youth Choir and State Youth Choir and Orchestra under Beermann); Kodály (Jesus and the Traders: Schleswig-Holstein Music Society Youth Choir under Jonathal); Saint-Saëns (Symphony No 3, Organ Symphony: Matthias Janz; Schleswig-Holstein State Youth Orchestra under Resement)

Bearmann)
5.08 Mainty for Pleasure
6.30 Jazz by Arrangement (r)
7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear 7.30 How Long Wilt Thou Forget Me, O Lord? Zemtinsky (Psali 13, Op 24: Ernst Senfi ASO Internation Chairs, Berlin ASO under Chailty) 7.45 An Atlair with Numbers (FM

only from 9.25): The opening concert in a featival of music by Alban Berg, live from the Barbican Hell, London, Nash Ensemble under Andrew Day performs Four Pieces for ctarinet and plane, Op 5; Adagie from Chamber Concerto — arranged for to Concerto - arranged for trio; Seven Early Songs, arr Reinbert de Leeuw; Songs

with piano 9.25-5.00em Test Match Special (MW only): New Zealand v England, Jonathan Agnew with commentary on the first day of the first Test from Christchurch 9.30 Korean Melody (FM only): Keith Howard considers how

Korean composers can synthesise the elements of East and West 10.30 Henri Dutilleux at 75 (FIM only): Figures de résonances; Trois Strophes sur le nom de Sacher Le Jeu des contraires: Sacher: Le Jeu des contraires

L'Arbre des songes 11.30 News (FM only) 11.35-12.35em Composers of the Week (FM only): Grieg (r) 1.00-2.25 Night School (FM only) (except in Scotland)

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evidence neiped to solve the case (s)
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Dariel.
Alec McCowen reads the fourth of five episodes
10.30 Woman's Hour: Breast Cancer Campaign. From Manchester, Cathy Smith reviews the week's ervice and help on all

tour-pert dramatisation of Alessandro Manzoni's classic novel, set in 17th-century Italy

wach-waigned bau 4.05 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope: Caroline Elam
reviews the Royal Academy's exhibition of the 15th-century Glasgow: Elaine Padmore reviews Opera North's production of Der Ferne Klang, and John Baxter



only) (s) 7,20 Woman's Hour (LW only) (r) 8,05 Any Questions? Nick Clarke joined in Grays, Essax, by week's actvice and help on all

week's advice and help on all aspects of breast cancer

11.30 The Natural History
Programme with Jessica Holm

12.00 News: You and Yours, with John Howard

12.25pm The Food Programme, with Derek Cooper 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping

2.00 News: Classic Serial: The Betrothed The second of a four-part dramatisation of

3.00 News; Special Assignment 3.30 Bookshelf: Nigel Force meets British writers of the wild western, and considers the

Italian painter Mantegna; Jack McLean reports on Ken Kiff's and Alan Davie's exhibitions in reports on the Paris arts festival (s)

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Steven Berkoff (9.05am)

4.45 Short Story: Jasmine, by Muhammad al Murr. Reed by

Muhammad al Murr. Reed by Sam Dastor 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Sx O'Clock News 6.30 Going Places: Jenet Trewin axamines the future of sir-traffic control 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20-8.05 Pick of the Week (FM only! (s)

Tony Benn, MP; Lynda Chalker, MP, overseas development minister. Professor Norman Stone historian; and Diana War general secretary of the Association of University Teachers 8.50 Law in Action: A new series

9.15 Kaleidoscope in Greenland: Tupilaks and Faxes. As part of Radio 4's Northern Lights testival, Paul Allen visits Greenland, and looks at the ancient art of the huit (s) 9.45 Letter from America by Alisteir Cooke 8.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tongth (s) 10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Poodle

with Marcel Berlins

Springs, by Raymond Changler and Robert B. Parker (6 of 8) (s) 11.00 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's naws (s)
11.25 The Financial Week (s)
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27
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Space invaders: creations of the Air Artists workforce being prepared for the Outdoor Event Exhibition at the Wembley exhibition centre next week. The artists make inflatable stage props for theatrical companies, pop groups and television shows (Robin Young writes). The sheep-consuming dragon, a prop for the Inflatable The-

atre Company, is 75ft long and conceals a Transit van in its belly, which gives it mobility if not road-worthiness. Robin Harries (left), the designer and builder, is blowing up another sheep to ensure that the dragon is kept well fed. His companions, Keith Payne (centre) and Andy Ireland, are two of the painters. Their enormous creatures include four Honky Tonk Women taken on four by The Rolling Stones and, on the right, a tusked boar, one of 16 such lurid pigs made for the pop group Pink Floyd. Air Artists make the monsters in what was an agricultural machinery company's foundryroom at Halesworth in

Mortgage cut cheers Tories

Continued from page 1 stamp duty threshold to £250,000 until August

should also help. Now lenders are hoping that the interest rate cut in advance of the traditional spring house moving season will encourage buyers, although they are not expecting a surge in house prices: the Abbey National has predict-

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kick start the market. Give us another one per cent and it might just about do it. There are loss of cheaper fixed-rate mortages already available

and they have not done the

trick. There are still a great

many properties overhanging

the market, lenders are more

cautious with their lending

criteria and mortgage indemnity premiums have in-Simon Tyler of the mort-gage broker Chase de Vere agreed. "Most people are worrying about elections and jobs at the moment. This is not likely to attract new people into the market. I have been calling people who in November said they were in-20 that I called yesterday, three had lost their jobs since

then."

Logjam eased, page 2 Comment, page 23

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Mixed polls for Tories

Continued from page 1 to flexibility when he saw the

books. Labour MPs agreed that their party still had work to do on finalising the details and presentation of its tax reform plans and the subject dominated the half hour political session among ministers following yesterday's

The autumn statement debate, highlighting economic issues once again, has now been planned for next week. There was a growing expecta-tion among Tory MPs last night that Norman Lamont. the Chancellor of the Exchequer, will use the occasion to announce a Budget on terested in moving house. Of | March 3, maintaining the option of an early election on April 9.

Parliament, page 6 Peter Riddell, page 12 Leading article, page 13

Deposed president proclaims civil war

Continued from page 1

Ozal, the Turkish president, has described the independence of the Muslim and Turkic republics as a window of opportunity for Turkish influence in the next century, other members of the government feel that the emergence of these new states has created a whirlwind into which Turkey ventures at its peril.

Mr Gamsakhurdia was aided in his return to Georgia by authorities in the southern Russian city of Groznyy where the Chechens, Sunni Muslims with a strong martial tradition, are in a state of armed rebellion against the authority of President Yeltsin.

Tass said that representatives of the Georgian nationalist leader and Chechen officials had held talks about establishing a new state — Mengrel-Abkhazia — in the

west of Georgia, where support for Mr Gamsakhurdia is strongest. Mr Gamsakhurdia was driven to Zugdidi, where thousands of his supporters were said to be converging, after flying from Groznyy to the port of Sukhumi.

The new state's existence was reportedly proclaimed at the rally in Zugdidi, in defi-ance of the Abkhazian minority, whose leaders have wielded much-resented power in the Sukhumi area. Officials said the airport in Sukhumi was controlled by supporters of the president. This suggested that Georgia was alnew government and disillusioned former presidential aides, and regions where its writ does not run.

Yeltsin victory, page 8

Political sketch

Absence makes a heart grow fury

excited yesterday that they and her willingess to rechoked. Well, almost.

Andrew Faulds, eyes bulging with anger and huge beard bristling like an outraged porcupine was reduced to shouting "Stu-pid Stupid! Stupid!" at the prime minister. Mr Major eyed him with

mild surprise "Stupidi" shouted Mr Faulds, again. It is a shame what has happened to Faulds. The Labour member for Warley East is one of a little band of MPs whose plight, post-Thatcher, is heart-rending. They are the people who depended on her.

A few depended upon her because they loved her. Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman's voice shook when she paid her last tribute to Mrs Thatcher as prime minister. The doughty Dame, who represents Lan-easter, has hardly smiled since her heroine fell. Michael Brown (Brigg & Cleethorpes) and junior minister Edward Leigh actually wept at Downing Street Cecil Parkinson might never have retired.

Some depended on her as a hate-object: a personal statement of everything they rejected. Ted. Heath has wandered, aimless and bemused, since the object of his revenge mission was torpedoed without his help. Gilmour and Meyer are not even bothering to carry on. As with defence cuts, the collapse, of the visible threat has left sophisticated weaponry cannoning uselessly around on the backbenches.

Unsophisticated weaponry, too. Old frank Haynes (Lab), Ashfield's snarling grandpa with a heart of gold, has decided to throw in his walking stick at the election. He loved nothing better than to rage at the PM, and she secretly loved nothing better than to rage back. They waltz now from the partiamentary stage, an ageing Ginger Rogers and wizened

Fred Astaire But what is to become of Andrew Faulds? A retired Shakespearean actor and walking definition of the word "bellow". Mr Faulds's parliamentary interventions lead onlookers to believe he is auditioning for better for Falstaff. Mr. Faulds has never been taken quite as seriously by the world as he is by Mr Paulds. But one rock has anchored

As the election war hots his Commons career his loathing for Mrs Thatcher. ward his efforts with magnificent counter-attacks of her own. Together, their dialogue was drama. Alone, Faulds's mono-

logue is farce. Dressed, on Tuesday, in a red polonecked sweater, his white collar lending an ecclesiastical air to the ensemble, he tried re-conjure the spirit of Christmas with a moving guestion about Sunday trading trampling on reli-gion. Mrs. T would have thrown the law, the prophets, and the profits, back at him. Mr Major just grinned, turned to his friends and remarked casually that the Archbishop of Canterbury had not men-tioned this when they had lunctied on New Year's Day All laughed and Mr Faulds departed in

He returned yesterday, for PM's questions. The incident had obviously been preying on his mind. His good humour was not enhanced by a spirited Tory attack on Labour's tax policies. Major called Kinnock (stréssing that he meant it-"in the policy not the per-sonal sense") a "tax dodger" and Fauld's colour

began to rise.

Patrick Nichols (C. Teignbridge) began to rise, too. Most MPs, toppled from the rank of minister, grow mellow and reflective, dozing away the afternoons until their knighthood ar-rives. But Mr Nichols has grown busier and more brutal rarely missing a chance to put the knife into the Opposition. Today he only called Labour "a shower" which was mild for Nichols but enough to enrage Faulds further, it was about then that he began to bellow "stupid" and continuell shouting "stupid" un-til appearing to run out of breath. he fell silent, shaking his great beard in

Perhaps this is why Michael Livine (C. Ipswich) decided to balance the alternoon by choking from the Conservative benches. Words like "Labour", "defence cuts of six billion pointds", "massive job losses", and "hypocrisy" came tumbling out as Mr Irvine began to choke his angry rasp. Mrs Thatcher could have out choked him. Mr Major simply smiled.

MATTHEW PARRIS

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THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,817 21 Called for someone with skill to **ACROSS**

- I Backward learners make mistakes
- 5 Send a girl off without name? Here's a possible one (8).
- 9 Strong players giving leadership to 10 Customer takes foreign money with
- 11 Confusion as Prime Minister introduces measure later repeated (4-

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- 12 Unconventional escape route (3-3). 13 Make long story longer for tribal
- 15 Combines aid with deals, being ex-(remely selective (4).
- 17 Fly. for example, in part of aircraft attacked to wing (4).
- 19 Broadcast listener located in Ire-
- 26 Computer that's trim, suitable to be carried (b)
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- magazine (6). 23 Novel to read in equally divided parts (8).
- General writing on and off. for example? (8).
- 25 Runs round to gallery to copy Turner (6).
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room to rise (8).

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- 3 Stone one? Not so cruel (8). 4 Fish that is removed from pie, or
- 5 Easy work Waugh produced for royal guards (9-2-4). 6 Clerical garb that's sensible cloth-
- 7 True sound of the seaside (8). 8 Look to take off here? (8).
- 14 One who withdraws with some soldiers on vehicle (9). 15 A game lighter with a composed
- 16 Terribly poor, with study unfinished, does this? (5.3).
- 17 Without constraint, sack or pillage 18 A couple of pages fail to be clear
- 19 Briefly visits, making appearance
- Concise Crossword, page 15

Areas of fog, especially over PARTICIPATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTICIPATION Morthern Ireland, northwest England, the western Midlands and east Wales, will mostly clear A daily safari through the nguage jungle. Which definitions are correct? but a few patches may persist all day. During the evening fog will thicken again over parts of England and Wales. Away from the fog, By Philip Howard it will be dry nearly everywhere with some sunshine, especially over eastern England. Temperatures average for the time of year but BASHLYK a. An African hunting dog

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FRIDAY JANUARY 17 1992

BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL





called for German pay settlements no higher than inflation. But have German unions been made to carry the costs of unification?

US INFLATION

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American inflation fell to 3.1 per cent during 1991 but there is little other evidence in favour of further cuts in interest Page 20

TRADE ROWS



Fresh rows have broken out over Arthur Dunkel's Gatt talks. Germany is criticising the EC, the French are blaming Gan. Page 21

TOMORROW

PROFILE



Ernest Saunders, former Guinness chief executive, walked out of Ford Open Prison last June. He is neither a quivering wreck nor unduly bitter

PENSIONS

All workers could have to contribute more to pension funds just to meet basic state pensions to the growing number of elderly

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Boost as UK car output falls 4%

Nissan to invest further £200m in British plant

By Kevin Eason, motoring correspondent

NISSAN has unveiled a £200 million surge of investment at its car plant at Washington, Tyne & Wear, which will double production and could make the Japanese company Britain's third largest motor manufacturer.

after Ford and Rover. -The move will enable the plant to hire 600 more workers this year as Nissan moves towards producing a second model range to add to the Primera mid-range saloons and hatchbacks.

News of the investment came as a boost yesterday as statistics continued to underline the scale of the slump in the British motor industry.

The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders said production of cars from British factories fell by 4.53 per cent to 1,236,922 last year. the lowest since 1988.

The figures sparked an immediate reaction from oppo-sition MPs Doug Manufacturing's UK manag-

Henderson, Labour's trade spokesman, said: "This is depressing news and more jobs must now be at risk. If the government is not convinced by these figures that action is needed to boost our car industry, then it will be clear they can never be convinced."

However, the gloomy headline production figures masked a revolution in export sales. Exports were up 49.2 per cent to 605,425, helping to keep factories running as sales in the domestic market slumped more than 20 per cent. The overseas performance will help cut the trade deficit in motor products from £6.5 billion in 1989 to El.5 billion last year, Sir Hal Miller, the SMMT's chief ex-

ecutive, said. Part of that huge improve-ment comes from Nissan, which made 124,000 cars last year, with 90 per cent for export, worth £680 million to Britain's balance of trade.

Brittan attacks **US-Japan** pact

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

SIR Leon Brittan, the Euro- relations between Washingpean competition commis-sioner, last night attacked Japan and America for negotiating bilateral trade deals that could make European penetration of the Japanese market more difficult and encourage protectionism in world trade, just as the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade negotiations are entering their final stage. Sir Leon's comments.

made during a speech at an commission will be vigilant in EC policy conference in Paris, ensuring that this is the case." were not unexpected, after Frans Andriessen, the external relations commissioner. on .Wednesday criticised the deal between America and-Japan opening the Japanese market to American-made

. The car pact, signed during President George Bush's re-cent tour of Japan, will allow 20.000 American-made cars into Japan by 1994, and boost Japanese purchases of

American car components. Sir Leon and Mr Andriessen said the pact was purely a political sweetener to improve

ton and Tokyo. munity business as well. The

of abandoning its free-trade principles, and said the car pact was part of a disturbing trend that goes back to 1986 and the America-Japan semiconductor agreement that helped kill off European interest in the global silicon

mous Buy American Act.

Sir Leon accused America chip market. He also castigated the protection of sectors such as telecommunications and textiles, and legal obligations on corporations and au-

Sir Leon said: "I have been disappointed and concerned that the US is drifting towants a preference for man-aged trade. I have repeatedly reminded both the US and Japanese authorities that opportunities open to American companies in the Japanese market must be open to Com-

thorities that benefiting from federal cash to purchase domestically under the infa-

Nissan in front of Vauxhall. The scale of the Japanese investment is underlined by

ing director, said that the new

investment plans would allow

capacity at Washington to be

increased to 300,000 cars an-

nually. That would put

forecasts predicting that UK car output could increase to 2 million by the end of the decade. However, almost all of that growth will come from Japanese plants in Britain.

Toyota is due to start pro-duction from its £750 million plant at Burnaston, Derbyshire, before the end of the year with output rising to 200,000 cars annually. Honda is also investing £100 million on production facilities at Swindon, Wiltshire, to make 100,000 cars a year.

Nissan has proved how quickly the Japanese can expand. Having already announced a drive to find 1,000 workers in September, the decision to push output to 140,000 cars this year and to 270,000 by 1993 has forced the company to seek another 600 recruits. The workforce will rise to 4,600.

The expansion comes from the decision to spend £150 million adding a new small car, replacing the Micra in Britain, to the Primers made at Washington.
Yutaka Kume, Nissan's

president, will announce today a further £50 million investment in the Nissan Yamato Engineering subsidiary, also at Washington, which supplies the car plant

with body pressings.

There will also be a substantial spin-off for Britain's industrial infrastructure. Spending on components from 195 European suppliers, most based in Britain, will rise to £850 million next - double 1991 spend-

Nissan started making cars in 1986 in the northeast of England, a decision decried at the time because the region had no experience in the motor industry. However, productivity at Washinghton is the highest in the European industry, according to a study by the analysts Nikko Europe. Output per employee at Washington will be 75 cars this year, compared with 39 per employee per year at Nissan in Japan, while Vauxhall in Britain achieved 24. Peugeot 14. Rover 14 and Ford in Britain just eight.

MGN claims £50m loan vanished

BY OUR BANKING CORRESPONDENT

Group Newspapers vanished after being transferred to New York, the company revealed in the Court of Appeal in London yesterday.

Charles Falconer, QC, representing MGN, said that a has been announced at QED, £50 million loan to the com-Manhattan in New York in the name of Maxwell Communication Inc. The money forms part of the

MGN by Robert Maxwell in the weeks before he died.

By Graham Searjeant

FINANCIAL EDITOR

THE losses and fast-changing board-

room of Milford Docks made one of the

less savoury stock market sagas of the

Eighties. Most of the principals con-

cerned have been criticised by DTI in-

spectors, who reported yesterday after a

Criticisms of a string of directors from

1984 to 1987, when Milford was

bought for about £600,000 by Seacon

Holdings, range from mismanagement

to breach of fiduciary duty as directors.

Advisers, including two Welsh part-ners of Coopers Deloitte, do not escape

the net. Nor does Standard Chartered

Bank, the profligate lending policies of which in earlier days financed Milford's

The DTI inspectors were Robert

Owen QC and Paul Powell, a chartered

accountant. They dismiss local rumours

of misuse of public money, which might

two-year investigation.

A ESO million loan to Mirror MGN, chaired by Ernest Burrington, is suing Kevin and Ian Maxwell and their late father's estate for the return of £170 million it alleges was taken from the company.

in Cheltenham, Gloucesterpany has not been traced since shire, the specialist software October 21, when it was trans- subsidiary of Maxwell Comferred to an account at Chase: munication Corporation. Charles Croker, the managing director, said he was negotiating with Price Waterhouse, MCC's administrators about an MBO.

Magazine punished, page 1

day rejected criticisms of Hywel Jones

and Stephen Harrison, still partners in

the firm. The report records the honour-

able battles waged by the two over

however, that after Standard Chartered

called for an independent report, Mr

Jones and Mr Harrison "appear to have

disregarded" the guidelines of the Insti-

tute of Chartered Accountants on pro-

Michael Davies, who was chief execu-

tive and a member of a consortium that

took charge of the company from 1984

to 1986, is accused of "mismanage-

ment", of "attempts, largely miscon-

ceived, to acquire other businesses" and

of "unrealistic optimism". The inspec-

tors admit, however: "There is no doubt that he applied himself assiduously to

The entire board of that time, which included Lord Parry as chairman and

the Marquess of Milford Haven, must,

the inspectors say, "share full responsi-bility" for the mismanagement. Direc-

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Backdrop of drama: Don McCrickard and Sir Nicholas Goodison of TSB

Southeast suffers as jobless

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By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

was suspect. The unadjusted

figures showed a substantial

The fastest increases in un-

employment occured in the

Southeast, the Southwest and

the East Midlands. Ian Shep-

herdson, economist at Mid-

land Montagu, said the rise

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TSB pegs payout despite losses of £47m By Neil Bennett

RECORD bad debt provisions of £654 million sent the TSB Group plunging to a pre-tax loss of £47 million in the year to end-October.

Sir Nicholas Goodison, the chairman, said losses on bank loans were the worst in living memory, and that radi-cal changes had been made at Hill Samuel, the merchant banking subsidiary which was the cause of all the losses.

Despite the losses, the bank has held its final dividend at 3.25p to make 6.4p for the year. The City was relieved that the losses were no worse than forecast, and the shares rose 9p to 129p. Hill Samuel crashed to a

loss of £419 million, the worst in British merchant banking history. The losses were caused by bad debt provisions of £432 million on the bank's £4.8 billion loan book.

The largest bad debt provi sion, thought to be almost £80 million, was made against Brent Walker, the struggling leisure group. But 59 per cent of the provisions came from the property and construction sector, where Hill Samuel

was previously a key lender.

Don McCrickard, the group chief executive, said would be slow, due to the size of its non-performing loan portfolio. "We will have to be patient about growth," he said. The loss masked a strong performance at TSB bank, where profits grew 17 per cent to £413 million. Some of the worst bad debts came from Mortgage Express, the bank's direct mortgage lender. Sir Nicholas also an-

nounced the appointment of John Burns as TSB's financial director. He comes from National Westminster Bank where he was also linance director. TSB said the appointment was the result of an executive search.

NatWest has appointed a financial director from the drinks industry, Richard Goeltz, who was chief financial officer at Seagrams. to a smaller bank but said it

the revised 40,800 rise in November. With the underlying uptrend estimated at about 30,000 a month. City forecasters believe John Major will have to go the the country with unemployment climbing to between 2.75 million and 3 million. An October increase of only 16,900 had aroused hopes of

an imminent end to rising unemployment. The December increase edged the unemployment rate up to 9 per cent from 8.8 per cent. The unadiusted increase in December was 79,932, giving a jobless total of 2,551,727. Michael Howard, the employment secretary, under-

THE Conservative heart-

lands of the Southeast suf-

fered the worst rise in

unemployment last month as

nationwide the number of

jobless climbed to 2,546,000.

the highest for four years.

according to the latest gov-

The data offered little com-

fort for Norman Lamont, the

Chancellor, on either unem-

ployment or earnings. They

suggested that economic ac-

while stubborn inflationary

pressure persisted on the

earnings front despite the

The provisional increase in

the number of jobless, after

allowance for seasonal fac-

tors, was 31,100, down from

remained depressed,

ernment figures.

lined that the increase in unemployment in the latest three months was just over half that of the previous three. He also noted that job va-

impugned, although the inspectors argue that Mr Davies "knowingly acted in

contravention of Stock Exchange rules" in trying to avoid issuing a class one

The next would-be saviours, Terrence

Francis and two other then directors of

BJ Group, who bought a large stake and

joined the board, fare worse. "We consider that, in their unsuccessful attempt to gain control of MDC, Mr Francis and

his fellow BJ directors acted in breach of

their fiduciary duty as directors of

At the end of 1986, Roger Shashoua.

an American, led another boardroom

invasion and tried to gain control by taking over Standard Chartered's ill-

advised loans at a discount. "In doing

so, he took advantage of his position as

of his fiduciary duty to MDC."

director and was in our view in breach

In 1989, Milford Docks was sold to

Milford Haven Port Authority for £5.7

million, about twice its long-disputed

balance sheet value, though that was

little consolation to small shareholders.

circular on one ill-fated acquisition.

cancies rose by a seasonally adjusted 14.000 in December, the biggest monthly increase since 1980. City economists thought that the data

Stanley suffers a heavy charge

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

STANLEY Leisure, the casino and snooker halls group, had to take a £1.67 million extraordinary charge in its half-year results under new accountancy rules introduced in December.

The charge came because the group sold its printing business at a profit of £347,000 over book value. To comply with statement UITF3 of the new rules brought in on December 19. goodwill previously written off on acquisition in 1988 has been recharged through the profit and loss account, resulting in the below the line

The group made pre-tax profits of £3.73 million in the six months to October 27 compared with £3.5 million last time. Turnover rose from £96.8 million to £100 million and earnings per share were 7.28p, compared with 6.75p previously. The interim dividend is 1.9p. up from 1.8p

Leonard Steinberg, chair-man, said turnover in the racing division had improved slightly. Since the half year the group has acquired 25 betting shops.

The casino division improved modestly after a poor first half last year. Margins increased slightly and, while the spend per head has not returned to the levels last seen in 1989-90, there has been an improvement on last year.

The snooker clubs continue to perform less than satisfactorily, but Mr Steinberg said they are now in the best part of their trading year. "With exercise of strict overhead control, we hope to be in a better position to meet any improvement in trading conditions," he said.

"Current trading is not easy with turnover in both major divisions being only marginally in advance of the same period last year. All that we can hope for is a speedy economic recovery." Mr Steinberg said. Stanley Lei-sure's shares fell 3p to 198p.

Blacks Leisure acquires Quasersport for £1.9m

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

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BLACKS Leisure, the fashion retailer and sports wholesaler. is buying Quasersport, a sub-sidiary of Warwick Sport & Leisure, for E1.9 million. Blacks is issuing 1.88 million new shares to pay for the

Quasersport is a new company which recently bought the trading assets of Bright Task, previously the owner of the Quaser brand. The company designs, sources, markets and distributes the Quaser range of sports footwear and accessories.

acquisition.

The principal products are football boots, black training shoes, rugby boots, shin pads and accessories. The products are sold through a range of sports retail outlets and mail order houses in the United Kingdom.

The brand is endorsed by

Gary Lineker, the England and Tottenham Hotspur footballer, and the agreement is due for renewal on August 1 Bright Task made an oper-ating loss of £361,000 for the

licenses and trade marks. The new shares being issued by Blacks to pay for the acquisition are being placed at 103p on behalf of Bright Task by Charterhouse, the merchant bank which is advising Blacks. Two shares are being retained by Simon Gidney, a director of Bright Task.

profit of £112,000 on sales of £3.3 million. The business has

assets of E952,000, E825,000

of which are in the form of

Blacks' directors believe the new range will complement its existing ranges such as Fila.
O'Neill and Yamaha sports equipment. The directors believe they can improve the financial position of Quaser in the short term by switching to overseas sourcing and by the integration of Quasersport's operation into Blacks' existing administration and distribution centre in Tyne & Wear.

As far as current trading is concerned, Blacks says the economic climate remains dessed but the group's winter trading is proceeding satisfac-torily and, while the board year to end March 1991 on remains cautious, a satisfac-sales of £3 million. For the tory performance for the full eight months since then, the year is expected. Blacks' unaudited accounts show a shares fell 4p to 105p.



Kohl seeks orders for eastern factories

FROM REUTER IN BERLIN

CHANCELLOR Helmut Kohl has urged west German industry to do more business in the east of the country because former communist factories needed fatter order books to make the switch to

Herr Kohl, at a ceremony in Berlin to honour the assassinated former head of the Treuhand agency, responsible for privatising east Ger-man industry, said about DM50 billion of public funds was earmarked to help eastem firms this year.

"Sustained support from the west German economy is needed," he told businessmen and politicians gathered to rename the Treuhand headquarters after Detlev Rohwedder, its former head, who was assassinated in April, 1990. Herr Kohl added: "That

means not only sending personnel but giving orders to firms in the eastern states. They can get back on their feet much more easily if they can count on rising orders." He repeated warnings to trade unions to accept moderate wage settlements this

year, stressing that high pay would be a burden for struggling eastern firms. He said: Economic restructuring... must not be put into question by excessive demands on the vage side."

Production in eastern Ger-

many is still weak, almost 18 months after Bonn and East Berlin forged economic and monetary union. The Federal Statistics Office says the flow of west German goods and services to east Germany last year, worth DM207 billion, exceeded the value of eastern

Germany's gross product.

Herr Kohl expressed full support for the Treuhand despite the anger of east Germans recently made redundant. The agency, the world's largest holding company. had privatised more than 5.000 firms, won investment pledges of more than DM 100 billion and secured 900,000 jobs, he said. Later. Treuhand an-

nounced details of the sale of the loss-making Leuna chemical works, in Saxony-Anhalt, and the lucrative Minol petrol station chain. Treuhand said the board signed a memorandum of understanding with a German-French consortium made up of Thyssen Handelsunion, Elf Aquitaine, of France, and SB-Kauf, a

subsidiary of Asko Deutscher Kaufhaus, the German retailer. The consortium has agreed_to invest DM4.7 billion in a new refinery at the Leuna site which will have an annual capacity of between 10 million and 12.5 million

Lookers profits halved to £3.2m

By PHILIP PANGALOS

ANOTHER "substantial fall" in the national demand for new cars took its toll on Lookers, as the adverse conditions gripping the motor trade continued to affect the Manchester motor dealer.

Pre-tax profits halved from E6.45 million to £3.21 million in the year to end-September. on turnover down from £370 million to £359 million. New car sales at Lookers fell by about 20 per cent and margins were eroded, although used car sales enjoyed a marginal increase.

Ken Martindale, chaircar sales have gone down over 30 per cent; we have battened down; we have reduced numbers and overheads as much as we can. We are now waiting for an upturn, although l am slightly more confident."

Mr Martindale said that although the fall in sales of new cars is affecting all parts of the country, the group's depots in the Southeast are suffering more because their after-sales businesses are less developed than those of their

Profits from vehicle aftersales service and parts in-creased, with particularly good progress in the body and parts departments. Profits from the caravan division declined due to an oversupply of new caravans at a time of a fall in demand.

Taxable profits were boosted by an increased contribution from the sale of properties, up to £513,000 (£408,000). Gearing eased from 120 per cent to 115 per

Mr Martindale said sales of combines and tractors were at their lowest for many years, as farmers' confidence remained low. The division's losses increased.

The final dividend is maintained at 4.2p, making an unchanged total of 6.2p per share, despite a plunge in earnings from 16.8p to 2.1p

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Shelve dividend rise Wellcome to be urged

THE annual meeting of shareholders of Wellcome the pharmaceuticals group, will today hear criticism from a group of activist shareholders over the price of anti-HIV drugs and a request that the dividend rise be shelved. The Wellcome Independent Shareholders Association claims it is "insensitive" to increase the total payment from 6.5p to

10.0p in a recession and will vote against the rise.

Rob Archer, European spokesman, said if profits retained were pegged as well, the money saved would be enough to allow a 10 per cent reduction in the ff,000-a-year cost of a course of Acyclovir or Zovirax, being tested on HIV-positive parients. The revolt stands no chance of success, as 74 per cent of Wellcome shares are held by the Wellcome Trust.

Royal Life picks chief

THE shake-up at Royal Insurance has continued with the appointment of a new head of the group's loss-making estate agency chain. Royal, which is seen in the City as the weakest of Britain's major composite insurance groups, has undergone a series of management changes since Richard Gamble took over as chief executive late last year. In the laiest move. Peter Kelsey, a senior executive at Esso Petroleum, has been appointed managing director of Royal Life Estates. He succeeds Brian Gladwin. 57, who has taken early retirement. Royal Life Estates lost £11 million in the

Siemens improves

SIEMENS, the German electronics company, achieved a 6 per cent increase in net profits to DM398 million in the first quarter to end-December, after a strong rise in domestic sales from DM7 billion to DM7.6 billion. Heinrich von Pierer, the current deputy president, who will succeed Karlheinz Kaske as president later this year, said that the company hoped to maintain the previous year's profit margin, "if the general economy does not take a serious rum for the worse". This would suggest a net profit of more than DM2 billion for the current financial year, against DM1.79

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Thomas French rises

COST-cutting and a lower interest charge helped Thomas French & Sons, the curtain tapes and home improvements group, to more than double its pre-tax profits from £368,000 to £753,000 in the year to end-September. The shares responded with a 6p rise to 54p. The company's turnover fell to £13.7 million, down from £18.5 million last time, reflecting the group's retrentment. There was a 7 per cent decline in calculation continuing businesses. Farmings per decline in sales from continuing businesses. Earnings per share jump from 1:93p to 4.41p. The final dividend is maintained at 2:175p, making an unchanged total of 3.625p per share for the year.

Norbain passes payout

NORBAIN Electronics, the electronic security systems group, is beginning to see signs that the increase in crime during the recession is steadying its market. Norbain's pre-tax profits plunged from £205,000 to £33,000 in the six months to October 31, on turnover down 29.4 per cent to £5.75 million. The decline reflects the disposal of the group's technology division and an increase in bad debts. Gross margins were maintained. Earnings per share have fallen from 2.06p to 0.33p. Once again, there is no interim dividend.

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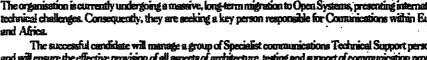
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Bancorp

is back in

the black

BY NEIL BENNETT RANKING CORRESPONDENT NATIONAL Westminster Bancorp, the American sub-sidiary of NatWest, is expect-

ed to make a profit in the first quarter of this year, its first since 1989. This follows a sharply reduced loss in the

last quarter of 1991 due to cost cutting and a fall in bad

The bank lost \$29.8 million

in the final quarter, to make a

against a \$352 million loss in

1990. The loss was caused by

bad debt provisions of \$89

million in the quarter, and

\$568 million for the year.

Natwest Bancorp, based in New Jersey and New York

City, has been badly hit by the

collapse in property values on

John Tugwell, the bank's

head, said it had since returned to profits, and low American interest rates were

helping to ease the pressure on the bank's struggling

During the year. NatWest

reduced the staff in the bank by 500, and Mr Tugwell said

it is planning another 150 job

cuts in the spring to ensure that costs remain the same as

customers.

the east coast of America.

debt provisions.

Inflation in US cut to lowest for five years

BY COLIN NARBROUGH ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

stagnation at home slowed American inflation to 3.1 per cent last year, according to the latest figures from the labor department. That level of price increases was the lowest for five years and about half the 1990 rate. A moderation in food and energy prices held the December rise in consumer prices to 0.3 per cent, after a 0.4 per cent rise in November.

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Despite the progress made in braking inflation. Wall Street analysts said the data provided no conclusive tonfirmation that inflation had been beaten. There was otherwise little in yesterday's batch of economic indicators

PWS lifts profits to £2.9m

PWS Holdings, the insurance broker that was the best performing share of 1990, increased pre-tax profits by 7 per cent to £2.9 million last year, despite stagnant condi-

tions in its main markets. Turnover for the year to end-September increased by 7 per cent to £14.8 million. with earnings per share fall-ing from 9.5p to 9.2p follow-ing a rights issue. A final 2.5p dividend makes 4p for the year, up from 3.5p.
PWS International, the

main operating subsidiary, which handles reinsurance risks outside North America, increased its profits PWS North America maintained its contribution.

The company said it faced mixed prospects for the current year, with rates rising on PWS International's markets but lower profits expected from other parts of the proup

SW Wood buys

SW Wood Group, the former as the acquisition vehicle for Peter James, has continued its expansion strategy by purchasing Grange Group, a South Coast specialist magazine printer, for £3.1 million. The purchase is being financed by a £1.4 million cash payment and 2.4 million new ordinary shares. In the nine months to end-September. Grange Group made pre-tax profits of £273,000 and had net assets of E872,000. Shares in SW Wood fell 2p to

IMI purchase

IMI, the diversified industrial group, said it was buying Walter AG, the Swiss valve and cylinder maker, for an undisclosed sum. Walter has net assets of £4.4 million, annual sales of nearly £12 million and employs 183 people. It will become part of IMI's fluid power group,

- Ruling near

Trafalgar House, the construction and engineering group, said yesterday that a High Court judgment relat-ing to its multi-million pound dispute with Midland and Scottish Resources over the ownership of the Emerald oil rig was expected very soon. Sir Nigel Broackes, chairman, told the company's annual meeting that the judgment could come today or early next week.

THE end of the Gulf war and likely to prompt the authorities to ease monetary policy further: Real earnings were up, but a drop in initial claims for unemployment benefit was thought to result from distortion of data.

The better guide to price trends, core inflation, which excludes food and energy, also rose 0.3 per cent last month, matching the November increase. This brought underlying inflation for 1991 down to only 4.4 per cent from 5.2 per cent the year

President Bush, keen to ensure economic recovery this year, said on Wednesday that he wanted interest rates to come down further, especially to boost the housing market. The 49,000 fall in jobless benefit claims in the week to January 4 was better than the market had expected but appears to have been distorted by closure of employment offices during the New Year holiday. That makes it difficult to discern the underlying trend. It will probably be two or tirree weeks before analysts are con-vinced of any trend.

Real average weekly earnings, adjusted for seasonal factors rose 0.7 per cent in December, after a 0.1 per cent increase (a downward revision) in November. The pickup last month, the largest advance since August, reflected an increase in hours worked more than rising pay. Administration officials

vesterday said the White House was completing a plan for economic revival that would increase personal exemptions for taxpayers and provide tax breaks for health care insurance. Unofficial estimates are that the plan would cut taxes by about \$10 billion a year for the next five

years: The measure, which is not yet finalised, is part of the kick that President Bush has pledged to give the slug-gish economy. His plans have been criticised by the Federal Reserve and Wall Street econ-omists, who fear that political expediency might override fiscal prudence. Any Bush proposal will be subject to

congressional approval. In Germany, the slowing European powerhouse, the the western part of the country show a real 0.5 per cent iall in November compared with the same month in 1990, after allowing for inflation. The provisional data from the federal statistics office put the annual rate of increase in nominal retail

turnover at 2.3 per cent. Reflecting the slowdown after the unification boom, motor vehicles, car parts and tyres dropped 6 per cent in real terms. Electronic equipment sales were down by 4 per cent. By contrast, pharmaceutical products jumped by 5 per cent. Textiles, clothing and footwear moved ahead by 3 per cent, while stationery and office equipment sales managed a 1 per cent rise. In the first 11 months of last year, retail sales were 6 per cent up in

real terms on the same period Volatility on foreign exchange markets this week have reflected growing con-cern about the German slowdown and increasing optimism about American recovery. This has depressed the mark and sent the dollar



Sitting on a cash mountain: Kerry Packer's recent asset sales and the expected flotation of his magazines pose questions about his next move

Packer flotation revives bid speculation

KERRY Packer, the Australian entrepreneur, is expected to reveal plans today to raise more than Aus\$500 million (£217 million) by floating 55 per cent of his magazine group (Brian Buchannan

The flotation of the magazine group will add to the estimated Aus\$840 million Mr Packer has made from

the past twelve months. Ord Minnett Securities is believed to be underwriting

the floration: it handled the successful bid for John Fairfax, the newspaper group, by the Tourang consortium, led by Conrad Black, the Canadian publisher.

Mr Packer had a 15 per cent stake in Tourang until he

left the consortium to help it overcome political and regu-

The floration is expected to value the magazines at Aus\$1.2 billion. Mr Packer would retain 45 per cent. The rest would be put to market at about Aus\$5 a share to raise about Aus\$522 million.

Neville Miles. Ord's corpo-rate adviser, who led the

Tourang underwriting, said last night that he could "neither confirm nor deny" the

The group includes five of the top ten Australian magazine titles by circulation, and nine of the top 20.

Reports of the flotation and the cash it will generate have renewed speculation about Mr Packer's next move. At one stage a full bid for Fairfax was tipped.

However, the view now is that the public battering Mr Packer received over his role in Tourang has helped sour his view on Australia and that he will now look to America or Europe. This in turn may revive the theory that he is interested in bidding for Mirror Group Newspapers.

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propose to appoint two new

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Mr Hipkin wants to sell

Sunray, his 24-store video rental chain, to Cityvision at

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The two men also claim a

request for shareholders' ad-

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Port of **Belfast** at record

BY ROBERT RODWELL

THERE were few signs of recession in traffic last year through the port of Belfast, which logged record freight of 9.4 million tonnes, 6 per cent up on 1990's level, itself a record, and a 72 per cent increase over the past decade. Publishing the figures for

1991 yesterday. Belfast Harbour Commissioners says the port is handling more than 55 per cent of Northern treland's seaborne trade and is the leading port in all Ireland.

Factors in the record results were Norse Irish Ferries' new Belfast-Liverpool roll-on rolloff service from a terminal opened last September: an increase to three ships on the Belfast-Heysham ro-ro service: larger ships on services to Rotterdam and Oslo and a new Le Havre container ser-

The Belfast commissioners anticipate further expansion this year. In April Seacat will catamaran service between Belfast and Strangaer, Dumfries, and passenger/car facilities will be added to the new Liverpool service, which is at present restricted to commer-

Tory MPs demand a new body to regulate the City

By Robert Morgan, Parliamentary Staff

TWO Conservative MPs yesterday called on the government to set up an Americanstyle securities and exchange commission to control City institutions in view of the apparent failure of self-regu-But Gillian Shephard, a

junior Treasury minister, turned their demands aside, insisting that the Financial Services Act, the Companies Act and other measures provided Britain with a tough Anthony Beaumont-Dark.

MP for Birmingham Selly Oak, said during question time in the Commons that self-regulation in the City was meant to be the panacea that would solve most of the prob-

lems. None the less, the Polly Peck. Brent Walker and BCCI scandals had occurred; so had the greatest of all, that connected with the late Robert Maxwell. These scandals indicated

that the system of self-regulation was proving less than sat-Mrs Shephard said that though there had been some

large and spectacular frauds - not all in financial institutions - that did not mean the No regulatory system could provide complete protection against the determined thief or fraudster, she said.

The present government had done more than any oth-er to tighten control of the er to regulate the City.

City, but a balance had to be struck between tight regula-tion and the stifling of inno-vation and initiative in the

Sir Peter Tapsell, MP for Lindsey East, and a respected voice in the City, reinforced Mr Beaumont-Dark's view, pointing out that a multiplicity of overlapping regulatory bodies existed. Many frauds reported to the regulatory bodies were first discovered by the American SEC.

BCCI. She repeated that while there was cause for concern about large and spectacular frauds, the government had done more than any oth-

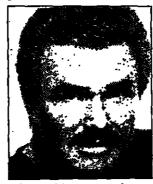
TVS sells stake in film studio

lost the broadcasting franchise for the south of England in the October bidding round, has sold its half-interest in a California film studio for \$27 million in cash to The Walt Disney Company (Martin Waller writes).

The studio is jointly owned by CBS and MTM, TVS's American production company, bought in 1988 for the equivalent of £191 million in a deal which subsequently brought the British company to its knees and contributed to the loss of the franchise.

TVS now insists that MTM is not itself for sale, although there had previously been attempts to find a buyer, albeit at a loss. The 39-acre, 20-stage site

is MTM's main production facility and is also used by other film-makers. The sale is conditional on final agreement for the continued use of the studio by MTM for the production of two existing



Reynolds: new series

television series, "Evening Shade" with Burt Reynolds and "The New WKRP in Cincinnati," and access for further series in development. Disney, MTM and TVS

are to have talks to consider joint development and production projects of the type increasingly prevalent in the American television industry. TVS' involvement is needed because of the possibility of European sales. The disposal of the studio,

which contributed a £600,000 loss to TVS in the last financial year, will trim TVS's borrowings, almost all of which are in America and linked with the MTM purchase, to about \$50 million. The half-share is in the books

Cityvision urged to reject US bid

quently left. Mr Hipkin quit

TWO former executives of Cityvision, the video rental chain, will today call formally for an extraordinary meeting of shareholders to reject the agreed £75 million bid from the American Blockbuster group and vote themselves into control of the company.

Phillip Crane and Ray Hipkin sold their businesses to Cityvision during its period of explosive growth in the late Eighties, but claim the company has been badly managed since, resulting in a sharp fall in profits. "In our opinion, the company is hiding its failings behind the recession," they claim in a document issued last night

that urges rejection of the bid. The two claim the backing of more than 20 per cent of the shares and say they expect no difficulty in getting the 10 per cent level of acceptances required to requisition the meeting. But their "manage-ment vote-in" would be scuppered by acceptances from more than 50 per cent of shareholders to the Block-

buster bid by the first closing

date on Wednesday. The former executives' attempt to run the company is being strongly opposed by the existing management, who say the Blockbuster bid offers fair value to shareholders. Between them, the two own 350,000 shares in Cityvision. bought as part of the consideration when they sold their businesses. Mr Hipkin does not think they are sitting on a large loss on their holdings.

Mr Crane was offered the job of managing director at Cinvision's main subsidiary in March 1990 but subse-

economic growth would slow

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ment would rise.

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Möllemann attacks Europe over trade stance conclusion of the Uruguay disastrous tendencies," he

FROM REUTER IN BONN

Jürgen Möllemann, German economics minister, has sharply criticised the European Community and its members for standing in the way of a far-reaching world trade

"On the eve of the conclu-. sion of the Uruguay round." he said, "the community and its member states present a frustrating picture of contradictions and frightened wavering." His statement was unusual for the harshness of its wording.

The so-called Uruguay round of trade talks. launched in 1986 under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, have dragged on long past December 1990, the date originally set for their conclusion. The main reason has been a battle on how to

cut farm subsidies between states that export agricultural produce, on the other.

the EC on one side and America and the Cairns Group. 14

Herr Möllemann, whose Free Democratic Party opposes protectionism of any kind, urged the Group of Seven industrial nations and the EC to make good their

repeated promises to bring the talks to a successful conclusion.

"Political credibility demands it," he said. "We cannot preach market economy and close our own markets at the same time."

The G7 countries pledged at the 1990 and 1991 world summit meetings to make the

round a top priority. Efforts to block an agree-

ment threatened to paralyse the EC's executive commission as chief negotiator for EC members and to lead to a once-and-for-all collapse of the Uruguay round. Herr Möliemann said. "We must

said, "otherwise the world economy, global political relations - and not least we ourselves - will suffer unfore seeable damage."

do all we can to counter these economy would be severely

The collapse of the talks would result in massive trade conflicts and the creation of large trade blocs. "The world

to political statements: it

must be put to the test by clear and, in some areas perhaps. painful decisions. Herr Möllemann said.

Lisbon that the two countries held similar views on the Gatt talks. They believed that Mr Dunkel's proposals on agriculture were "unbalanced". The four ministers agreed that "it is not for Europe to move" in the negotia-

tions and that "the ball is in the US court". M Jeanneneyhad talks with Mira Amaral, Portuguese industry minister, Faria de Oliveira, trade minister, and

pean Community, Louis Mermaz. France's agriculture minister, claimed. Farmers' prices for grain would be cut by 40 per cent and those for beef by 20 per cent within five years. Speaking a day after President Francois Mitterrand said France rejected a only 14 per cent. compromise package proposed by Arthur Dunkel, Gatt director general, M Mermaz told EC commissioners not to

France says Gatt package will ruin EC farmers Paris - Proposals to complete Gatt's make concessions to America in return Uruguay round of tariff-cutting negotiafor "false compensations". tions would "ruin" farmers in the Euro-

Washington sought a "very drastic" agreement, he said: it wanted to reduce EC grain exports of 20 million tonnes a year to 13 million tonnes. In 1990. however, American grain exports represented 46 per cent of the world total: EC exports, by comparison, made up

Jean-Noel Jeanneney, France's secretary of state for foreign trade, said after meeting three Portuguese ministers in

Vitor Martins, secretary of state for European integration. (AFP) European integration.

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Depressed car trade **Squeezes** Davenport

THE depressed conditions gripping the motor trade led to a 27 per cent fail in fullyear profits at Davenport Vernon, the Buckinghamshire-based motor dealing group, but second-half trading showed some signs of

Pre-tax profits declined from £1.96 million to £1.43 million in the year to end-September, on turnover ahead 5 per cent at £99.7 million. After a 50 per cent slump in first-half profits, the second half saw an encouraging 4 per cent improvement

in profits to £890,000. Don Baker, finance direc-tor, said increased activity was particularly evident between July and September. He said this continued in October and November, although there is a downward trading trend at the moment.

The group now has a total of 16 franchises, following the recent addition of a Mazda franchise at Milton Keynes. The group has also negotiated two Nissan appointments.

Gearing had been trimmed from 43 per cent to 32 per cent. Earnings fall 29 per cent from 10.3p to 7.3p per share, but the final dividend is maintained at 2.5p, making an unchanged total of 4p for the year. The shares eased 3p to 85p.

Avon venture

Avon Rubber, through Cadillac Rubber and Plastics Inc. has set up a joint venture with two Japanese companies to supply products to the auto-motive industry in America, Canada and Mexico. The new company. CT Rubber and Plastics, 60 per cent owned by Cadillac, 30 per cent by Teito Rubber and 10 per cent by Tomen Corporation, plans an initial \$1.5 million investment in equipment, and will produce radia-tor, heater, fuel and emission hose. Avon shares were unchanged at 309p.

Hampson falls

Pre-tax profits at Hampson Industries fell from £2.64 million to £1.62 million in the half year to end-September as the recession continued to take its toll on the West Bromwich industrial group. Turnover rose from £36.6 million to £37.1 million. The interim dividend is maintained at 0.6p, despite a drop in earnings from 2.48p to 1.36p a share. Diluted earnings are 1.45p (2.38p).

Trust slips

Northern Industrial Improvement Trust, the Tyne and Wear investment and property holding company, reports taxable profits of £214.500 (£220,000) in the half year to end-September. Investment income edged up to £189,700 (£182,000). Earnings per share slip to 12.41p (12.62p). The company does not declare its interim dividend until later in

BOC confident

The BOC Group has started 1992 in reasonable form, with prospects for the financial year in line with the marker's expectations. Patrick Rich, the incoming chairman, told yesterday's annual meeting. He said the balance sheet is strong and the portfolio is resilient. BOC shares rose 15p to 650p.

Ivory buys

Ivory and Sime has acquired Castle Cairn Fund Managers, the Edinburgh private client fund management company. The value of funds under management of CCFM at end-September was £30.5 million. The consideration will be satisfied by the issue of 331,753 shares in Ivory and Sime.

GOLD mines in the Anglo

American group achieved a

STOCK MARKET

Investors' search for better value depresses drugs shares

INVESTORS on both sides of the Atlantic have decided that pharmaceutical companies are overpriced and that they should instead choose investments offering better value for money.

As a result, share prices of drug companies in London and New York fell yesterday. Glazo, Britain's biggest drugs manufacturer, led the way down, losing 50p to 856p — equivalent to a tenpoint fall in the FT-SE 100 index - after a profits downgrading by County NatWest Woodmac, the bro-ker. A total of 13 million shares changed hands.

County has cut its profits forecast for the current year by £67 million to £1.46 billion and is urging clients to take profits. The broker made its move after scaling down sales projections for Zantac, the anti-ulcer drug, and Serevent, an anti-asthma treatment. Serevent failed to

from any European countries during the first half. Steve Plag, at County, said Glaxo is trading at an 80 per cent premium to the rest of the market, with more than 30 per cent of the equity held

obtain marketing approval

in America. There have been indications on Wall Street that investors are taking profits among the traditionally defensive sectors, such as pharmaceuticals, and moving back into the cyclical sectors. which are likely to benefit from any upturn in the American economy. But he believes



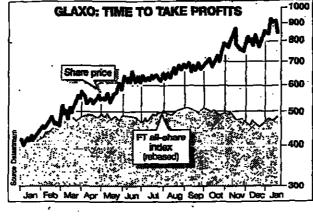
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Girolami: shares fall

that Glaxo still offers outstanding long-term value. Andrew Porter, at Nikko, says the fall in the share price Glaxo, where Sir Paul Girolami is chairman, was also prompted by the launch

American investors pushed shares in British Steel up 7p to 77p as 17 million shares changed hands. The rise followed a switch in New York out of defensive sectors and into cyclical and recovery

of Lansoprazole, a new antiulcer drug, by Roussel, the Franco/German group. Nikko believes the new drug could take market share away from Glaxo's Zantac and SmithKline Beecham's Tagamet in the longer term. SmithKline Beecham 'A' fell



40p to 923p. There were also losses for Fisons, down 72p at 361p. Medeva, 9p to 228p. and Wellcome. 16p to

The rest of the equity mar-

ket managed to claw back an early fall of almost 14 points. helped by news of the cut in the mortgage rate by the Abbey National and the Halifax and Nationwide building societies. Dealers said it was another positive step for the economy. But there was little real follow through by investors. Turnover reached 638 million shares but, once again, the bulk of this was accounted for by marketmakers trading between themselves in order to cover

short positions. As a result, prices closed below their best of the day. with the index finishing 4.5 points higher at 2,541.6, having been 12.3 higher at one stage. Government securities

drew comfort from a bener performance by the pound to end with gains of E's at the

longer end. The news from TSB Group was not as bad as some analysts had feared, and the price

Carcio Engineering increased its stake in Wellman, a fellow engineer, to 9.9 per cent by buying 800,000 shares. Wellman shares rose

Ip to 34p, while those in Carcio stayed at 141 p.

rallied on the figures to close 9p better at 129p. The group plunged into the red last year with a pre-tax loss of £47 million (£312 million profit). The figure was struck after losses of £419 million at its Hill Samuel merchant banking arm combined with provisions for bad and doubtful debts for a total deficit of

Sir Nicholas Goodison, the chairman, said Hill Samuel was back on the road to recovery and was pleased with the progress made by the retail banking and insurance

The rest of the banks responded positively to TSB's results and the news of the cut in the mortgage rate. Abbey National rose 10p to 294p. Barclays 16p to 381p. Lloyds
13p to 398p. Midland 7p to
224p. and National Westminster 7p to 287p.
Housebuilders also

warmed to the news. There were gains in Barratt Developments. 3 p to 47p. Bellway, 10p to 233p. Birse Bellway, 10p to 233p, Birse Group, 8p to 80p, Costain, 3p to 74p, Countryside Prop-erties, 4p to 94p, John Mowlem, 7p to 139p, Per-simmon, 8p to 245p, Westbury, 5p to 108p, and Wilson Bowden, 8p to 389p.

The news also led to activity on the bid front, with Steetley up 15p to 370p. The group is the target of a hostile £650 million offer from Redland, 20p higher at 458p.

The mortgage rate cut also bodes well for the DIY industry. Kingfisher, which includes B&Q. rose 6p to 488p, while WH Smith 'A', with Do-It-All, rose 10p to 460p.

Lonrho remained a nervous market, touching 137p

before rallying to end a net 1 p lower on the day 142p.

MICHAEL CLARK

TEMPUS

Jekyll and Hyde figures at TSB

TSB Group is a tale of two banks. The retail bank. invigorated by two years of reorganisation, continues to motor ahead. The growth is

This success is obscured by the appalling performance of Hill Samuel, the merchant banking subsidiary. The dichotomy is apparent

in the figures for the year to end-October. TSB's retail banking and insurance arm produced an operating profit of £413 million, a rise of 17 per cent. This was almost wiped out by a £409 million loss by Hill Samuel, the largest in the history of merchant banking.

After central costs, the group was pushed to a loss of £47 million, in line with forecasts, compared with a £312 million profit in 1990. Shareholders can take some comfort that the dividend for the year is held at 6.4p.

The recovery at Hill Samuel will be slow and painful. The bad debt provisions of £432 million which caused the loss will not be repeated. But the bank has been left with a £1.3 billion portfolio

of non-performing debt.

A breakdown of Hill Samuel's bad debt provisions reveals the sectors that have suffered most in the recession. Fifty nine per cent of the charge was made against property and construction businesses. The record of manufacturing and distribu-tion industries is far better. Hill Samuel's largest single provision in the year was against Brent Walker, and this accounted for almost all the £81 million set aside for the leisure sector. The cost of funding the

non-performing loans re-duced operating profits by E62 million to only £13 million last year, and will continue to hamper income even more notable since it growth until the middle of has been achieved against a the decade. The merchant background of deep bank is unlikely to return to litru tilona earliest, and the likelihood of it making a respectable return on its £750 million capital before 1995

Despite this, the group's figures must improve after such a bruising year. That assumption alone sent the shares up 9p to 129p.

Assuming only a modest economic recovery this year. a fall in bad debt provisions should produce a £270 million profit, putting the shares on a p/e ratio of ten. Despite the apparent speed of recovery. it may take TSB until 1994 before it betters the profits it reported in 1988. The shares are not worth

Markheath

HAVING bought and sold Camford during an 11-month flirtation with the engineering sector, Markheath Securities is now back to its property development roots. Not surprisingly the figures for the first half look pretty uninspiring, with a pre-tax loss of £459,000 for the six months to the end of September on turnover of just £3.8 million. This is not great from a company that made a E12 million profit only two years ago. The interim dividend is cut from

2p to 0.5p.

However, the Camford adventure has left a prime 22-acre office development site in Stevenage, Hertfordshire, on which Markheath's



Back to basics: Paul Bobroff of Markheath

hopes largely rest. The infrastructure is almost in place at a cost of £1.5 million and Markbeath claims it has received an encouraging number of enquiries about pre-letting. For the rest of the group's

portfolio, it is a matter of waiting for the end of the recession. Apart from the Stevenage project, dev-elopment has come to a halt. Since the £54 million Camford sale, the company's balance sheet looks more robust with borrowings reduced from £95 million to £62 million at the half year end and 85 per cent of the

company's completed office properties let. However, an unfashionably large £2.6 million interest capitalisation out of a E3.6 million interest bill must raise questions pects if the Stevenage development does not turn out

Bobroff, the managing director, would like to believe it is.
But at 17p, the shares look
close to the bottom and
conservatively priced. The
uncertainty hanging over the share price has also been eased by the announcement that Adsteam, the hugely indebted majority share-

holder, is close to a refinancing agreement. The shares are worth holding on to.

Microgen MICROGEN Holdings, the

computer services group, is learning the wisdom Costs and capital expenditures, it admits, ran ahead of income during the recession in both the core busi-nesses, and within new services, and this has led to a £300,000 rationalisation charge against profits.

Results for the year to end-October at £7.28 million pretax, compared with £8.5 million, also reflect tougher trading conditions although Microgen believes itself well placed when economies

Life at Microgen has not been made easier by a £404,000 charge in 1991, which could rise to £525,000 in 1992, for rates and rents that still have to be paid on vacated, but as yet unsold, British premises. In Scandinavia, the recession has been even more severe,

There is the prospect of annual revenues of £3 million from a five-year contract with a Finnish bank, and another good year is expected from operations in Germany. The final dividend is held

at 4.8p a share, making an unchanged 7p for the year. Mr Micawber was ever hopeful that something would turn up, and on present evidence Microgen could be lucky and see a profits increase to £8 million this year. At 157p, down 4p, the shares trade on 11.6 times prospective earnings, backed by a 5.9 per cent yield. Hold on, and hope.

Producers are urged to shore up the price of crude oil

Opec head calls for output cuts

FROM REUTER IN LAGOS

in 1990, has passed both interim and final dividends JIBRIL Aminu, president of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries. appealed on Thursday to members of the oil-producing group to reduce crude output in order to shore up sagging world prices.

Mr Aminu, who is also Nigeria's oil minister, said his country had cut its crude oil output by 50,000 barrels per day (bpd). A recent Reuter survey showed Nigeria pumped about 1.9 million bpd in December.

"Every (Opec) member should, on a voluntary basis. cut the production level and this should be maintained until our meeting in February." Mr Aminu said at a news conference in Lagos. Opec ministers are scheduled



Aminu: expecting cuts to meet in Geneva on Febru-

The 13 members of Opec pumped 24.2 million bpd in December, the highest since March 1990, according to the International Energy Agency, a western energy

watchdog body based in Mr Aminu said Venezuela had already agreed to a 50,000 bpd cut and Libya

had decided to lower its output by 30.000 bpd. Although not every Opec producer would agree to implement cuts, efforts were under way to get more na-tions to join those which al-

ready have, he said. We are going to continue talking to other ministers and I expect more of them will make announcements of curs in the next few days," Mr Aminu said.

He said a combination of factors, including over-supply and Opec's over-estimation of demand, had depressed world oil prices for the past

three months. He added that Opec needed to meet and reach a decision to reduce oil exports by about 1 million or 2 million barrels a day in order to boost prices.

February Brent crude oil futures rose 42 cents to \$18.31 a barrel in London on Wednesday, partly on speculation that Nigeria would join Venezuela and Libya in announcing an oil output cut. By early yesterday after-

Brent futures had gained another 31 cents to stand at \$18.62 dollars per barrel Iran and the United Arab Emirates held talks in Abu Dhabi about "co-operation in Opec" about a possible reduction of the UAE's current output of 2.5 million bpd.

noon in London, February

WORLD MARKETS

Dow dips 29 points in morning trading

profit-taking, a soft bond market, sell programs and heavy sales of pharmaceutical and high technology shares combined to depress the market, analysts said.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 29.52 points at 3,228.98, up from a a session low of 3,222. In the broader market, declining shares led advancers by four to three.

Gail Fitzer, at Jefferies and Co, said: "Bonds are weak, there is some profit-taking. DEC [Digital Equipment] earnings were poor and the

New York — BLUE chip is-sues fell in morning trade as ly getting creamed this morning. It's a recipe for a sell-off." ☐ Singapore — Share prices advanced further in active trading. The Straits Times industrial index closed at 1,529.05. up 19.75 points. ☐ Sydney — The market lost ground in the afternoon on speculation that the government's budget deficit had grown to Aus\$9 billion #380 million) from the official forecast of Aus\$4.7 billion. The All Ordinaries closed at 1673.5, down 2.1 points. ☐ Frankfurt — The Dax index ended 1.16 points down

Nikkei closes weaker

at 1,666.34.

Tokyo -- Arbitrage unwinding and selling linked to the weekly options exercise depressed prices, while the closing of accounts before the fiscal year end kept domestic institutions on the sidelines, brokers said.

Shigeru Akiba, of UBS Phillips & Drew, said: "The foreigner-led rally many had hoped for quickly ran out of steam. People don't want to buy and we're looking at a futures-dominated market."

The Nikkei average closed down 162.94 points, or 0.75 per cent, to 21,612.19, with

about 240 million shares traded. The Nikkei reaching hitting its day's high of 22,134.88, 359.75 points above Tuesday's close, in the first 23 minutes of trading. However, the rebound lost irapetus and, depressed by renewed weakness in the futures market and continuing feats over the supply and demand situation, the Nikkei closed at its lowest level since

December 11. ☐ Hong Kong – The Hang Seng index advanced-29.48 points to close at 4.412.14.

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able profit from 162.2 million rand (£32 million) to R183.3 million in the three months ended December. Unit costs fell by 2 per cent and total working costs by 3

for 1991.

Anglo American

mines improve

13 per cent increase in avail-Anglovaal, the South African mining group, says the total net profits of its four gold mines in the quarter ended December rose from R36.45 million to R41.56 million, per cent in a quarter marred primarily because Loraine's by violence at the President profit was R2.79 million Steyn mine. Orange Free State, which left 86 dead. compared with a previous R2.59 million loss. ☐ Gold mining dividends de-

MINING

☐ MIM Holdings, the Australian mining group, says net profit from operations in the 24 weeks to December 15 fell to Aus\$16 million (£6.6 million) from A\$67.5 million. The interim dividend is cut to 3 cents (2 cents) a share. COLIN CAMPBELL Mining Correspondent

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MANUARY :

Shifting the VAT burden

hitehall is supposedly dedicated to relieving burdens on industry. As ever, this maxim fades quickly into the background when the government's own finances are at stake. The single European market has brought the Exchequer a cash flow problem. Customs and Excise has seen no need to aid imports and has therefore charged VAT on them at their point of entry rather than when they are finally sold. Other European Community states do exactly the same. and, to be fair, Britain only switched to this system when it discovered this. But all this will have to change with the abolition of fiscal frontiers, at a oneoff cost, the government estimates, of about £2 billion. The neat response is to force the top 1600 business, which alone account for 20 per cent of all VAT, to pay monthly instead of quarterly.

The CBI's big guns are outraged. Not only is industry being kicked while it is down, but the government has over-estimated its losses and therefore imposed a net extra burden. So exercised is the CBI that is has set the reversal of this tax-raising ploy as one of the main plank in its demands to Norman Lamont for Budget relief. Neglecting the statistical arguments, however, the CBI needs tyo mount a strong case. After all, some 90,000 husinesses importing from other EC countries will businesses importing from other EC countries will enjoy a cashflow benefit from the change. The losers may not be too concerned about the winners but, if government is being mean, there is some rough justice in big companies, notorious for late payment to small firms, having to stump up for the widespread relief to others.

Industry must also question whether its leaders are not missing the wood for the trees. If the government can afford to "give away" £2 billion in the Budger, would not industry ultimately benefit more from cuts in taxes on income or sales?.

No rate rise

rate cut seemed to make no impression on either the stock market or the foreign exchanges. Yet it could have big implications for British politics, for share prices and for sterling. On its own, a half point cut in the mortgage rate will not revive the moribund housing market. But the gesture speaks volumes about the way that prospects for monetary policy have shifted within the last few days. Until ten days ago, there was an almost universal expectation that the next move in British interest rates would be up rather than down. Since then, the pound has strengthened, but only by one pfennig. So why did the building societies stick their necks out?

The less likely explanation is that the Treasury tipped them the wink - come hell or high water, the Chancellor would not increase base rates. A more machiavellian alternative is that this cut in mortgage rates may have been the real price thebuilding societies quietly agreed to pay for last month's change in the social security regulations

on mortgage payments. Whatever the explanation, the implication is the same: an increase in base rates is now far less likely than it was on Wednesday. Before the mortgage rate reduction, the Treasury might have reasoned that it could get away with a half point increase in base rates to defend sterling without ant cost of mortgages. After yesterday's announcement, the building societies have left themselves with no leeway to tolerate an increase in money market rates. If base rates go up, so will mortgage rates. Ergo base rates will not go up this

side of the general election.

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CHALLENGE FOR GERMANY'S UNIONS

SHARE OF WAGES AS A PERCENTAGE OF GDP

Wolfgang Münchau

argues that the

German unions have unfairly been made

the scapegoat for the cost of unification

hen the economy turns down, people usually blame the government. Not so in Germany. This is because the Bundesbank, Germany's most powerful economic decision maker and holier-than-thou defender of monetary stability. is usually beyond reproach, at least inside the country; and the federal government is said to have only limited responsibility, mainly over federal fiscal policy. But since somebody has to be blamed for an economic downturn, the Germans have chosen to blame the trade unions. This might at first be surprising.

since abroad German trade unions have always had a reputation for moderation and co-operation. But with recent pay demands of more than 10 per cent in some sectors, the unions have become vulnerable to criticism. But the image of German unions' apparent militancy does not stand up to closer scrutiny. In fact,

the opposite seems to be the case. This suggestion does not seem to square up with the current events. During the current spring wage round, which will determine most of this year's settlements. OTV, the public sector union, is demanding pay rises in excess of 10 per cent. DAG, the clerical employees' union, has already started warning strikes at selected banks over a 10.5 per

cent wage claim. IG Metall, the mighty steel and metal workers union, has announced a strike ballot for the northwest German steel industry, and has launched a 9.5 per cent wage claim for the metal sector which, with 4 million employees, is the country's largest. There are fears that IG Metall would be prepared to launch a strike to press home its pay demands, but in the end the odds must be on a "generous" settlement of about 6 per cent, or slightly higher. The Bundesbank and the govern-ment have already made it clear a "six-plus" settlement would be disastrous for the economy.

These wage demands occur amid an increasingly uncertain economic background. Unification has put a strain on public finances and on west German taxpayers, who saw real incomes eroded by unification and higher petrol taxes. The strong boom which lasted into the first quarter of last year has abated. The government has cut its growth forecast from 3 per cent to 1-2per cent. Inflation has risen to 4 per cent and Interest rates are at an historic high. Now there is talk of recession, although there is no evidence yet, except for dubious and highly volatile quarterly output figures. With growing uncertainty over

the economy, the unions have come

under pressure. Employers critic-

GERMANY 81 PAY SETTLEMENTS IN THE GERMAN METAL INDUSTRY COMPARATIVE LABOUR COSTS IN EC Total labour costs including social SETTLEMENTS GNP GROWTH 1980 81 82 83 84* 85 86 87* 88 89* 90 91

ised the unions even at the best of times, but over the last months the Bundesbank has joined the chorus of disapproval, and so has Jürgen Möllemann, economics minister, who has called for pay settlements no higher than inflation. Such settlements would leave real wages unchanged, or even negative, taking

into account the tax rises. To all the critics; potentially inflationary wage settlements are the

'German unions have not been very successful pay negotiators over the last 10 years'

root cause of all economic ills. Herr Möllemann was blunt in an interview with Der Spiegel, the news magazine. "I fear that some of the unions need a recession in order to have the courage to persuade their at being cast as recession-mongers. are reacting with bitterness. At the IG Metall there is talk of a "poisoning" of the industrial relations climate, and Herr Möllemann is accused of "talking the economy into the gutter". A spokeswoman, successful pay negotiators over the

describing the mood on the shop-floor, said the members were "very angry and very bitter".

Superficially, 10 per cent pay demands do not fit the present economic climate, but the underlying evidence would at least return an open verdict, if not suggest otherwise. This is essentially because the present high pay demands follow a decade of wage moderation as the chart shows.

One also needs to consider that pay settlements tend to be related to industry profits, now very high after the recent unification boom. If unions miss the boom, they miss out on the settlements. There is no realistic hope of compensation during a later period of lower growth, when rising unemployment will exert pressure towards moderation.

The charts suggest a more discerning picture. While German wage costs are the highest in Europe (though productivity is also the highest), the share of wages as a percentage of gross domestic output is lower than at any other time since the war. tlement," he said. The unions, angry and is lower than in any of the G7 countries at any time. This suggests that not only have profits been a growing constituent of GDP, but also that German unions, although generally admired elsewhere for their power, have not been very

last 10 years, in terms of maintain-ing the relative share of wages in the

The discrepency is set to increase over the next few years. A study by London Economics, an economics consultancy, said: "German wages, currently the highest in the EC, will fall by 10 per cent relative to those in other EC countries as a result of unification" by the year 2010. It is generally noted that the main problem

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with German wage costs are not the wages, but the non-wage element, in particular social security costs. which amount to almost 100 per cent of the total wages bill, against only 41 per cent in Britain.

The relatively low settlements the metal industry since 1980 bears testimony to unusual wage moderation, although there has been some substantial non-monetary compensation through reductions in working hours. In the metal industry, working hours have fallen from 40 in 1984 to 37 in 1989, and will decline to 35 by 1995. While these reductions increased the average hourly pay, they have also resulted in lower wage settlements than would

have been the case. The higher settlements in 1990 and 1991 show the union's determination to redress the balance. In the end the degree to which a union behaves responsibly cannot depend on wage demands in any single year. Few would deny, including employers, the present system of regional but industry-wide negotiations has benefited both employers and employees over the years. Both sides would admit the industrial relations system has been one of the most important factors in the success of . German economy. Over time, though not in a single year, the system has proved well balanced. not least because both sides in nego-tiations pursue ruthless self-interest.

It is therefore unreasonable to expect the trade unions, and therefore employees in general, to exercise excessive self-restraint, even when faced with such a tremendous national task as the funding of unification. The federal and regional governments have set a poor precedent by failing to cut spending significantly, and have reverted to higher taxes to finance shortfalls. But these taxes are being paid by employees who in turn demand pay compensation. In the end, the underlying inflationary problem of the German economy is rising income tax, which works through the inflationary chain indirectly via higher pay rises and costs to industry, as well as rising direct taxes, such as VAT and petrol taxes, with direct inflationary impact. he real problem in the

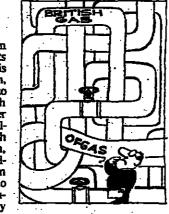
German economy, and one which will haunt the country in future, is institutional rigidity. Even when faced with a political and economic shock such as unification, the German political structure is incapable of shifting spending priorities from one sector to another, from financing an urban by-pass in an affluent western city to an essential motorway in the east.

The Bundesbank, which has remained an essentially west German institution, is equally to blame. While it is desirable to keep inflation low, the Bundesbank refuses to accept the inevitability about recent negative developments. If one adds 15 million more consumers to an economy, a 25 per cent rise, as with unification, and yet expands productive capacity by only 7 per cent. one creates excess demand and hence higher prices. In fact, the Germans should count themselves lucky inflation has not risen further. Even at the height of the turbulence. German inflation is still lower than Britain's or America's in the middle of a recession. In terms of effectiveness, there is little monetary policy can do to aven this, other than cause determination to raise interest rates to ever higher levels suggests such a policy is being pursued.

In the end, there is no reason why Germans should not blame those primarily responsible for economic policy, the government and central bank, as everybody else would.

Holmes finds a new house

IF YOU can't beat them, join them. John Holmes starts work at Credit Lyonnais Laing today. In the autumn, he abandoned plans to launch an agency broker with Peter Quinnen, the former James Capel boss, after failing to persuade enough high calibre analysis to join him, even though he had £5 million of capital backing in place. Holmes, aged 47, who is to be head of UK institutional sales was previously tional sales, was previously managing director of Morgan Stanley and, before that, managing director of Morgan Grenfell Securities. At Lains he will work alcoggide Laing, he will work alongside Keith Sykes and Michael Styles, the top-rated electrical analysts who recently joined the firm from Smith New Court. Ironically, it was their decision to join Laing rather than Holmes and Quinnen — that persuaded Holmes to shelve his own venture. Tim Huddam, aged 32, who has been holding the fort at Laing's institutional sales desk, will remain with the firm, reporting to Holmes. "It will be nice for us to have someone who is such a serious player, with top level contacts, on the institutional side. It will really raise our profile in the UK," says Michael Kerr-Dineen, the chief executive of Laing. "He will act as a catalyst for the coming together of our sales and research effort. Gening that research sold effectively. will be his key job." Laing's market share has, he says, increased and the firm was profitable in 1991.



Opting in

THE racy world of futures and options grows smaller by the day. In the latest in a round of City reunions, Ian Rankine and Martin Price, both of whom have worked for NatWest in the past, have joined forces with Quentin Burrows, a third former teammate, to provide a service for private clients. "No. we don't drive racy cars," says Price, perhaps mindful of the "churn 'em and burn 'em" tag unfairly attached to some options boutiques. Other members of the team include Oliver Gillie, a former metals trader, and Patrick Thompson, who was latterly marketing manager at the London Traded Options Market.

Dream machine

A CHILDHOOD dream appears to have come true for Simon Cuthbertson, accountant and classic car enthusiast. Cuthbertson, audit partner at Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte in Milton Keynes, used to catch the school bus outside

an Aston Martin showroom in Birmingham and devel-oped a fascination for the sleek cars. His delight, therefore, at the appointment of Coopers as auditor to Aston Martin Lagonda in nearby Newport-Pagnell, is under-standable. "I may at last get a chance to drive one," says Cuthbertson, who, as accountants go, has led an interesting life. Twelve years ago, he was sent to run the firm's office in Liberia, west Africa —a country he agreed to go to because of its political stabil-ity. "I arrived on the night of April 10, 1980, and 30 hours ater they had their first coup in 147 years," he recalls. The management at Aston Martin should be warned. . ..

FROM a weekly newspaper in New Zealand: "A real know-all is a barber who 'moonlights as a cab driver"

Trading names

THE world has had 45 years to get used to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt). Now, with a new agreement on trade closer, the hunt is on for a new name, but the powers-that-be appear to be stimped. The draft text for the Uruguay round came up with Multilateral Trade Organisation, or MTO, to the distate of Gatt officials. An earlier proposal of International Trade Organisation (FTO) was shelved and the World Trade Organisation (WTO) already exists. Arthur Dunkel, Gatt director-general; will be grateful for suggestions from our

BUSINESS LETTERS

Rowland report does too little for external Lloyd's members

From Mr C. Gurney

Sir, So much was expected from the Rowland report that one cannot help but be disappointed at the lack of any imaginative or radical solutions to any of the current problems at Lloyd's. The stage one reforms will in almost every case add to

running Lloyd's - despite saying that the costs are currently too large and that the structure is too complex. The stage two reforms do include some good ideas - no doubt put forward by Mc-

the expense and complexity of

Kinseys — but with recom-mendations that they be considered "in three years' time". Despite lip service to the idea of "strengthening Names' rights", nothing is

1. Make the Council responsible to and elected by Names.

2. Take away from the Council their legal immunity and make them subject to the normal laws of principal and agent in relation to their dealings with Names.

3. Strip the Council members of their conflicts of interest inherent in "representing Names' interests" and at the same time making money out of the very same transactions through their own members' or managing agents' companies or by being underwriters.

It is precisely these conflicts of interest which have resulted in the gradual and creeping level of dishonesty of the market as a whole over many vears. It has also resulted in the present situation, where a large minority, if not a majority, of Names do not trust the CAROL LEONARD | Council to represent them impartially. The risk/reward ra-tio has continually been tilted in favour of the Lloyd's community. This could not have happened if the Council were elected by and answerable to all Names.

Company shareholders. whose risk is strictly limited, have much greater protection than Lloyd's Names, who are expected to accept unlimited liability.

Instead of addressing the problems of the hugely lossmaking syndicates and the fundamental dishonesty in-herent within the market balance of power, the Rowland report has instead addressed the issue of how to keep more fodder coming into the market to keep the capital flowing in so as to keep the Lloyd's community in a comfortable

The only organs within Lloyd's which fairly and impartially represent the interests of all Names are the Names' Action Groups, and they are slowly but surely amassing a mountain of evidence to show just how external Names have been ripped off over the years.

I was hoping that the Rowland Committee would produce something better than this, so I did not resign last year. Now that it has become abundanily clear that Lloyd's will continue to be run by the Lloyd's community for their own benefit at the expense of external Names and with just a few minor adjustments. I have sent in my resignation and am sure that many others will do likewise.

Yours sincerely. CLAUD GURNEY. Little Chart. Penshurst,

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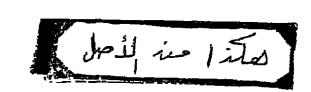
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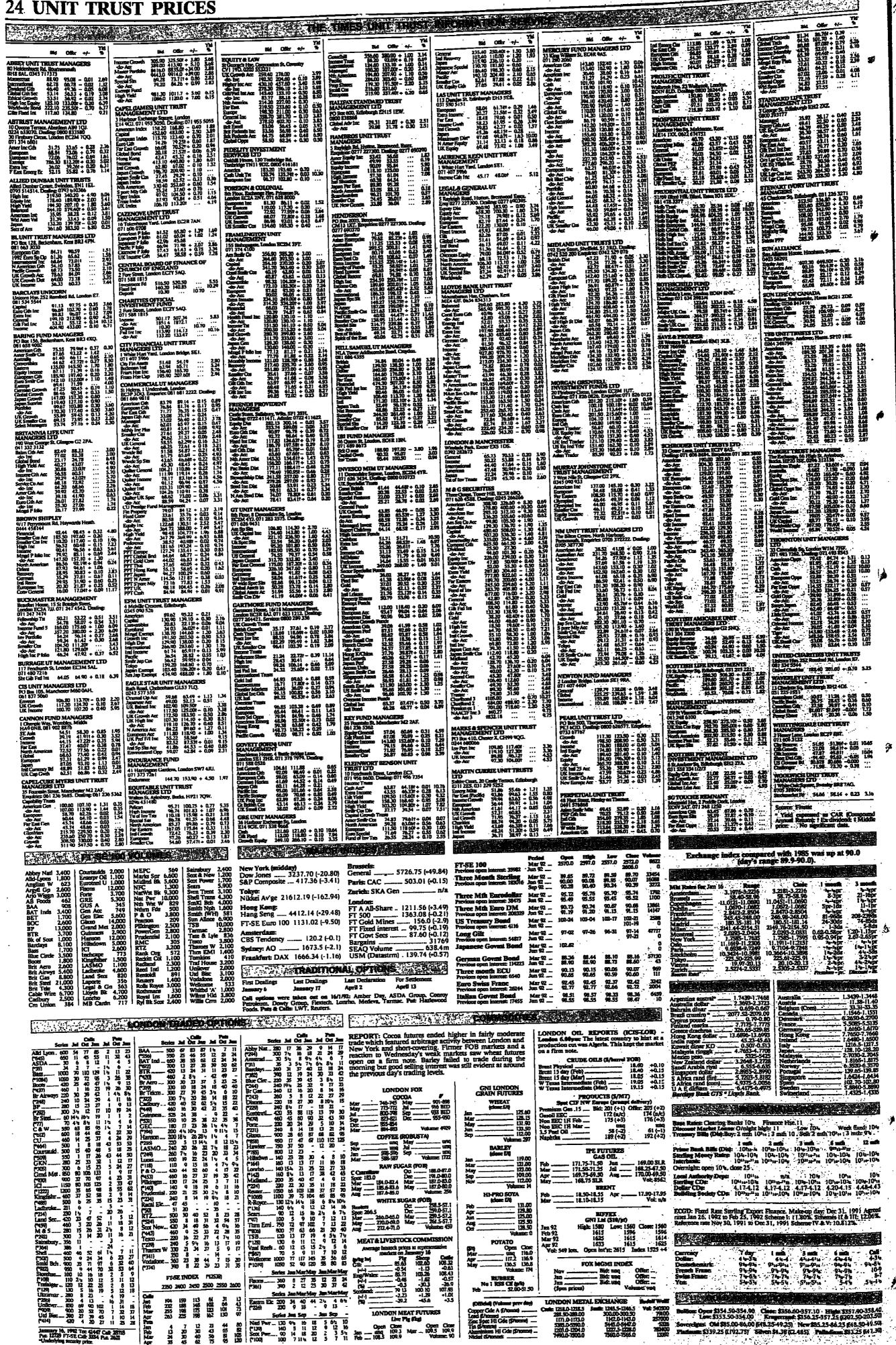
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Old managers for young companies

By SALLY WATTS

A MANAGEMENT Extension Programme (MEP), linking experienced, but unemployed, managers with small companies needing help to grow, is being revived by Hertfordshire Training and En-terprise Council. Each business taking part will have the expertise of a professional manager, free of charge, for three months.

The MEP was introduced in the early Eighties by the Manpower Services Commission and, although successful, it lapsed when the MSC was replaced by the Training Agency. A total of 16 redundant managers will, early next month, begin a week's fulltime residential training to update

their general management skills. The emphasis will be on project management and equipping them to operate in a developing company. They will then spend a week with the company with which they are paired, followed by a further week of residential training and, finally, 12 more weeks with the company. The managers — generally aged between 40 and 60, with some managerial experience will get unemployment pay, plus

£10 a week training allowance. They may be invited to join the staff but the companies are under no obligation to offer permanent employment. Training will be given by Management in Action, a St Albans management and training

consultant, itself a small business. So far, it has received 120 enquiries from ex-managers, who must live in the county, as well as 60 applications from companies seeking help. More applications from firms, ideally within Hertfordshire, are being looked for.

Much care is taken in matching

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companies with managers. The TEC's revival of the MEP scheme was warmly welcomed by Norman Brown of Management in Action. More details: Hertfordshire TEC, New Barnes Mill, Cotton Mill Lane, Sopwell, St Albans, ALI 2HA: telephone 0727-52313.



"I'm not bothered — I was a failure during the boom!"

Spirit to overcome setback

THE triumph of hope over adversity is the hallmark of many small businesses. This was certainly the reason why S&A Supplies survived a difficult 1991. The company was set up in Hanham, Bristol, by Anthony Ferris and his wife, Stella, nearly five years ago.

Mr Ferris sells workshop consumables - nuts and bolts, gloves and goggles — to small workshops and garages. He drives a van around the Avon area, delivering to his customers' premises. Mrs Ferris sends out the invoices and handles the paperwork.

The business was thriving and the Ferrises bought an attractive house in a good area. Most customers still paid up promptly but in June, 1991 they realised that, for the first time, they had a bad date. A dient may up 1800 from debt. A client ran up £800 from February onwards before the Ferrises called halt. They could get no explanation of why the bills were not being paid. Mr Ferris started to ring round debt collection agen-cies and was impressed when a well known agency sent a repre-sentative round. They signed in haste and repented at leisure.

the customer but was no more successful in obtaining payment. Too late, the Ferrises realised that they would have to pay an additional fee, plus a percentage of any money recovered, to pursue the

The agency wrote three letters to

matter through the courts. Including the agency's annual

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Determined: Stella and Anthony Ferris, of S&A Supplies, fight against debt

began to cut back on the bank

fee, it would cost £800 to recover the £800 debt. Armed with a signed contract, the agency forced the couple to pay the outstanding instalments on a service that was

of no use to them. S&A wrote politely to all customers, stating that in future all bills would be payable on the sixth day of the following month. This almost cost the company some of its

The Ferrises survived the blow The bank manager replied: "It

is in your interest to my to trade and business began to pick up well downmarket in your property to towards the end of the year when another bombshell hit them. They reduce the crippling mortgage repayments. Everyone appreciates strayed just above the £13,000 overdraft limit extended by their that in the present climate this bank. That led to a demand for the overdraft to be reduced by £500 a may be easier said than done but there is little doubt that this should month, a figure well beyond the be your long-term aim." couple on top of their mortgage. They offered £200 a month and

Despite the setbacks, the Ferrises entered 1992 with the spirit that is the epitomy of small businesses. They are determined to succeed no matter what.

BRIEFINGS

London Enterprise Agency (LEntA) is arranging two business planning courses during February and March, aimed at developing young businesses. Each is entirely free and spread over eight dates throughout the two months. One course is aimed at those planning, or in the throes of creating, their own design-led business. There is a linked business course held at weekends that aims at a broader selection of businesses and busi-

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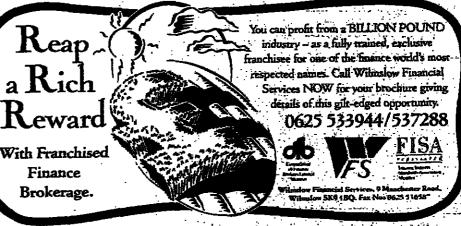
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Customers galore, but no cars

queue of customers ... but no cars to sell from his Oxfordshire showroom. As Britain's car dealers fear for their futures during deep recession. Mr Bryant is one of 100 who could sell every car they could

get, if only they could get some.
They are Mitsubishi dealers who have found themselves in a remarkable squeeze: they are denied new cars to sell because of voluntary quota restrictions agreed by the Society of Motor Manufacturers in Britain and Jama, the Japanese motor indus-

try organisation.
Imported Japanese cars are not the floodtide sweeping away British-made products that many mo-torists believe they are. Imports are restricted to about 11 per cent of the total United Kingdom market.

As the market fails, Japanese importers have to trim their sales accordingly, whether or not they can win new customers.

For the Colt Car Company, the Mitsubishi importer based at Cirencester, Gloucestershire, the agreement has been a disaster

t is bound to happen to a

motoring correspondent once in a while. After testing a car,

one of many that I drive every year,

I handed back the keys to the

manufacturer, Kevin Eason

not recall a single interesting feature about the model with

which f had just spent a week clocking up 1,000 miles.

from the Japanese stable, is a

perfectly capable car, as I found

when I drove it on motorways and:

The Subaru Legacy, the latest

Twenty-four hours later, I could

raham Bryant has a because it has been told its allowance of cars from Japan will be cut by 23 per cent. That means the loss of sales of more than 2,300 cars worth about £28 million at showroom prices.

The ripple effect of the agreement has been to stop Mitsubishi's business in Britain almost in its tracks for the past six months.

Sixty per cent of the customers who go to Wheelers, the dealership in Banbury, Oxfordshire, where Mr Bryant is the general manager, want to buy a Mitsubishi Shogun. Mr Bryant has not had a Shogun in stock since October. The next vehicles he will get are pre-sold and the waiting list of customers stretches ahead for at least four months.

Mitsubishi introduced its new Spacewagon series in October. Mr Bryant had two, which were sold immediately. The dealership will not get any more until three arrive

in April. All are pre-sold. Yesterday, Mr Bryant had only four saloons in stock - no demonstration cars and no choice for customers, who have to be told the truth that there are few vehicles for them to buy.

Once driven, easily forgotten

could not even recall what it

looked like. My notes reminded

me that the Legacy was a medium performer of about medium

length with no distinguishing

marks to set it apart from its rivals.

car did have four-wheel drive,

which contributes to some impres-

sive road-holding, a quality I was able to test fully in some heavy

rainstorms. Buyers wanting a rival

4x4 saloon would have to find an

extra £6,000 for an equivalent Vauxhall Cavalier or Ford Sierra.

Despite its price of £13,000, the



Anybody want a used Shogun and a catalogue? Woody Coats in his Mitsubishi showroom He says: "The frustrating thing and specification? Mr Coats exis that we can do nothing about plains: "We have only 18 cars at the situation. We have customers the moment, so there is little

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battened down until the next ship

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week. Meanwhile, Colt executives

have had to come up with some

get cars Woody Coats, the general manager at Motorworld, Oxford, says has had to withdraw Mitsubishi from his fleet rentals list, even though customers want the Japanese model.

coming in, but we simply cannot

He is losing 30 cars, about 20 per cent of annual sales, worth as much as £360,000 in lost revenue. Fortunately, Motorworld can fall back on a Volvo franchise.

So what do the Motorworld sales team do when a customer comes hunting for a Mitsubishi. demanding a particular colour

However, the new Legacy's 2-litre engine was noisy when pushed

and fuel consumption was only

about 20 miles per gallon.
Inside, the interior was comfort-

able enough, but some of the key

dashboard switches were behind

the steering wheel, out of sight,

while the radio was a blur of badly

There are plus marks. The boot

was cavernous and interior space

ample. Power steering, fitted as

standard, also made the Legacy

For me, however, driving a

Legacy saloon was an experience I

easy to park in tight corners.

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soon forgot.

ingenious ways to keep the dealerships busy.

One is to increase the turnover choice. But we will do everything of used Mitsubishis. The company we can to get the vehicle the has just started its used-car locator system", which logs all The quota restriction which has second-hand Mitsubishi vehicles hamstrung Mitsubishi dealers has on a computer at Cirencester. That enables dealers to track down also forced Colt Cars to abandon plans to expand its network by specific orders on colour, engine adding about 20 new showrooms. size, transmission type and specifi-

> cation in seconds. Mr Coats has welcomed Locator at Motorworld, where used cars will have to take up some of the slack in business caused by the quota. A good ratio of used-car sales to new cars in a dealership would be about 1.5 to 1, but that will rise to about 2.5 to 1.

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Child seat peril

AN UNTHINKING driver tied a toddler into his car with sharp wire that could have caused him severe injury in a crash, safety experts checking the security of child seats discovered this week. The wire was tied across the seat to make a home-made belt.

Had the youngster been thrown forward in a crash, the wire could have pierced his stomach and cut him in two. Essex County Council found the do-it-yourself seat restraint among 60 per cent of child seats that were badly fitted and would not protect children.

Sniff tiff

CAR workers worried about personal freshness are being taken aside by their bosses to be told that body odour is better than dam-aged cars.

Manufacturers in the United

States have banned certain kinds of anti-perspirants because flakes.



containing aluminium zerconium, can filter out of workers' clothes and on to the surface of vehicles being prepared for painting. The paint refuses to stick to the flakes, necessitating expensive repairs.

Chrysler's Jeep factory at Toledo, Ohio, has also banned hairsprays and some eyedrops, according to Automotive News, the American industry's weekly

newspaper. Car makers in Britain are just as careful, banning a remarkable range of garments, including woolly jumpers and hair and deodorant spray cans in the areas where the paint process takes

Vauxhall says: "All workers have to wear special clothing because the paint area is almost as clean as an operating theatre."

Driving praised

PRAISE at last for Britain's motorists from Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary. He said this week that the 9 per cent drop in road deaths in the tribute to the motoring public and the quality of their driving". Dearhs totalled 1,157 for the quarter and serious injuries fell by 14 per cent to 13,408.

Proton scores

ONE bright spot in a year of gloom for the car makers is the inexorable rise of Proton. The Malaysian company had the biggest growth rate of any manufacturer with a 27 per cent

increase in sales during 1991. The cars were introduced three years ago at the Birmingham International Motor Show and have captured a market for "value for money" vehicles.

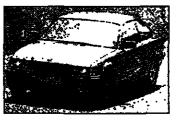
Prices will be held at 1991 levels and the company is offering two years' free servicing, a year's free insurance and tax, as well as deferred finance payments on some deals.

Hyundai hold-up

HYUNDAL, South Korea's biggest car maker, is suspending production, a move that could affect exports to Britain.

The company expects to lose output of cars worth \$150 million (£83 million) this month alone. Executives acted after 33,000 workers in five plants voted for a strike over pay and conditions in a dispute that threatens to be bitter. The unions claim that police were asked to seize labour leaders and the company say a strike is illegal.

Little sister



A NEW BMW 3-series coupé. above, should be on sale in Britain by Easter. The two-door car is modelled on its "big sister" 850i model and shares some technical features, such as frameless door windows that retract and close automatically when the door is shut to ensure a right fit to reduce wind noise.

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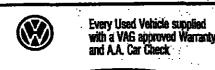
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Defeats mar Croatia's big day

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CELEBRATIONS of Crostian independence were abruptly cut short at the Australian Open yesterday. On the day after the recognition of the new state by the European Community, Goran Ivanisevic and Goran Proic. who had campaigned vigorously for their country over the past six months, showed a marked lack of resilience on court and were beaten within an hour of each other, both in

Besides the two Gorans. two other seeds - Magnus Gustafsson, seeded No. 11, and Guy Forget, the seventh seed - were knocked out of the bottom half of the draw. now falling invitingly for Jim Courier and Michael Stich.

The Wimbledon champion, who had to have treatment on a sore shoulder during a four-set win over Jonas Svensson, had other things on his mind. Reluctantly, he has agreed to a request by the German Tennis Federation to play with Boris Becker in the Olympic doubles tournament in Barcelona instead of his regular partner, Udo Riglewski. Even if they are not the best of friends, the pairing of two Wimbledon champions should give Germany one of its best chances of gold. In the face of ceaseless

probing by Aaron Krickstein, Ivanisevic's new year's resolution evaporated as rapidly as the morning rain. He was fined \$500 for ball abuse but really should be charged with the more serious crime of abusing his natural talent.

Evidence from the first round, when he had saved seven set points, suggested that Ivanisevic had finally learnt to be patient in moments of crisis. A series of hasty forehand errors, which cost him the second set and put him beyond redemption in the third, dispelled that notion. The rangey lefthander just wants to hit the cover off every ball, in the same way that he did at Wimbledon two years ago, and perhaps he should be allowed to do just that He could hardly play worse than he did

yesterday. Yet, except in ranking terms, defeat was no great surprise. Krickstein's persistence is guaranteed to bring the worst out of the headstrong Croatian.

"The way our games match up, I think I can beat him

said in a rare moment of immodesty. He has been right so far: played three, won

The No. 10 seed's problems began in the ninth game of the second set. On the verge of levelling the match at one set all, he let Krickstein have a free service game and then was broken when the American produced a stun-ning flying backhand volley and an inch-perfect lob. By the time his opponent had recovered, Krickstein had taken the set and established a 5-0 lead in the third.

Christian Bergstrom's 7-6, 2-6. 6-3, 6-4 victory over Forget also went according to form, in that the Swede had won their only match to date. A swirling wind on court one and a natural emotional letdown after defeating Leconte

man's disappointing display. Courier needed most of his cylinders to out-strip Thomas Enqvist, the new face of

Swedish tennis. Enqvist, who is just 17, is built like Stefan. Edberg but plays more like Bjorn Borg. He won junior Wimbledon and was certainly not overawed by meeting the No. 2 two seed in his first grand slam event. Had a few points gone his way at the end of the fourth set, Courier might have been pushed ever harder than he was in winning 2-6, 6-3, 6-1, 6-4.

☐ Steffi Graf is suffering from a viral infection that could have badly affected her heart if she played in the Australian Open, her doctor in Germany said yesterday. Graf flew home to Germany after withdrawing from the tournament on Wednesday.

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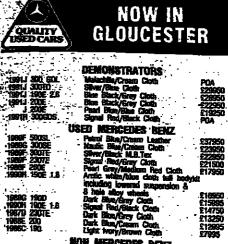
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Brave, To-Agori-Mou; Ryde, Ryde, Kalaglow, Polish Patriot, Noddy's Ryde, Lear Fan and Roussillon, the fact remains he did cut his teeth on jumpers when he

that he has been running recently under National Hunt rules were obviously bought with the Flat in mind Legal Beagle is a case in point since he is by Law Society out of a mare by Sir Ivor

MANDARIN

2.05 ASHFOLD

COPSE (nap). 2.35 Black Humour.

3.05 Amari King. 3.35 Valiant Warriot.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

(£2,127: 3m) (3 runners)

4.05 Legal Beagle.

Harwood on scent of a double

He is by Broadsword, an Although the Pulborough entire who did supremely well trainer is renowned for the over hurdles for David Nichfeats of such high-class Flat olson out of a sister to those performers as Dancing high-class jumpers Celtic Ashfold Copse should now Brave, To-Agori-Mou; Ryde, Ryde Again and account for the recent Ascot

With a pedigree like that. Rosgill and shifold Copse has under is my nap standably taken time to come Legal Bea began training with a string to hand. Last year he was of just 12 in 1966, restricted to just three races, Just 12 in 1966.
Whereas some of the horses two on the Flat in the spring and one over hurdles towards the end of the year.

On each occasion he left the indelible impression that his owner Mrs Paul Locke can look forward to the future with relish, particularly after

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1.35 Skinnhill

3.35 Hash

1.35 HANWORTH CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE

2.05 ASHFORD NOVICES HURDLE (\$1,772: 2m) (12-runners)

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FORM FOCUS

SKINNHILL 2714th of 6 to On The Twist in Sandown (3m 118yd, good) handicap chase.

OVER AND ABOVE distant 4th of 9 to Gambling Stri of 8 to Mr Boston at Notlingham (2m 6f).

Royal at Stratford (3m 2f, good); earlier best

2.05 Ashfold Copse.

2.35 Black Humor. 3.05 Amari King.

4.05 Legal Beagle.

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

he had finished fourth behind Travado over today's course and Cheltenham winners Rosgill and Spinning, and he

Legal Beagle's most recent effort behind Rocco at Newbury, without forgetting his sixth in last year's Triumph Hurdle at Chehenham, points to him being capable of winning the Royal Mail Handicap Hurdle.

Black Humour, who was deemed good enough to contest last year's Champion

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RICHARD EVANS

2.05 Ashfold Copse.

JDH Mackenzie Novices Chase. That easy win over fences at Wolverhampton on Boxing day should have had a morale-boosting effect after a

fall at Newbury previously. Well as Green's Van Goyen has taken to hurdling, he could still find the task of giving 6lb to the November Handicap fourth Valiant Warrior beyond him in the Walton Novices' Hurdle.

. At Towcester, David Barons will be hoping for a good run from Auction Law in the King's Liverpool Regiment Novices Chase if a crack at the Sun Alliance Chase at Cheltenham in March is to be justified.

But as that initial good first run over fences behind

3.05 EASTER HERO HANDICAP CHASE (£2,611: 2m) (4 runners)

BETTING: 15-8 Amari King, 11-4 Benbridge, 3-1 Al Hashmil, 9-2 Certain Style. 1991: SPACIAL 7-10-10 B Powell (6-4 tan) N Geselee 5 ran

3.35 WALTON NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,702: 2m) (9 runners)

FORM FOCUS

AL HASHIMI best effort lest term when beating Aston Express ¼ in valuable 5-runner Arington Premier Series Chase at Cheltenham (2m 4f, good) best Antiona 20 in 4-nunner Worcester (2m 4f, good) obest Antiona 20 in 4-nunner Worcester (2m 4f, good) obese on responsance lest term.

AMARI KING 1514 3rd of 5 to For The Grain in Cheltenham (2m, good) hardicap obese with CERTAIN STYLE (same terms) 12 5th, earlier beat My

Selection: AMARI KING

then followed by a disappointing effort at Cheltenham, I take sides with Mister Tickle, whose recent winning form at Stratford was given a boost two days ago when the third horse Glen Cherry won

at Ludlow. Cottage Walk (4.15), who is clearly held in high regard by Barons, could well run out the winner of the bumper.

While Duke Of Monmouth (1.15) and Mighty Mogul (3.15) smack of short-priced success on the Northamptonshire track, Plat Reay can win the Royal Flying Corps Handicap Chase at more rewarding odds.

Blinkered first time SOUTHWELL: 12.55 King Travisio

Scudamore angrily denies thoughts of retirement

RACING CORRESPONDENT

PETER Scudamore yesterday hit back at the gossips who have again suggested the champion jockey is considering retiring at the end of this season_

"They did it to Jonjo O'Neill and John Francome They want to pension off every jump jockey past the age of 30 because they think they are bent or past it," he said at Taunton.

An article suggesting some racing figures were seeking a price from bookmakers over the timing of Scudamore's retirement prompted his attack on the scandalmongers. "While I have got good horses to ride and things are

going well I don't intend to retire. If I had two or three horrific falls I might have a re-think, but at the moment I



Scudamore: plenty of good horses to ride would like to ride for several

Scudamore, aged 33, added: "I think I am riding as well as ever and if Carvill's Hill turns out to be another Arkle I am not going to let someone else ride him. Deep Flash gained the du-

hious honour of becoming the: first horse not to lose backers. their bets after refusing to race while under starter's

orders. The historic moment, following a change in Jockey Club rules, is unlikely to have saved many backers in the Unity Farm Holiday Centre Hurdle, as the nine-year-old was returned a 150-1 shot. Taunton's richest race went

to Viking Flagship, who took over from Rusty Roc, the long-time leader, just before the final flight before battling on well to defy Galway Star. On a glorious afternoon, The Forties won the Eldridge Pope Handicap Chase, which at four miles and two-and-ahalf furlongs, is the second longest race in the calendar, behind the Grand National.

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MANDARIN 1.30 Mister Gebo. 2.00 Dagaz. 2.30 Leacroft. 3.00 Heliopsis. 3.30 Snowfire Chap. 4.00 Stylish Gent. THUNDERER

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1.30 STAYERS NOVICES CHASE (£2,392: 3m 1f 80yd) (13 runners)

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11-4 Meadowvale, 4-1 Mister Gebo, 5-1 General Hammony, 5-1 Waterught, 8-1 Knows Head, 10-1 Into The Trees, 12-1 others

2.00 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES

HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,057: 2m) (11)

5-4 Dagaz, 2-1 Maga Blue, 6-1 Ferwack, 10-1 Star Thyme, 12-1 Apache Brave, 14-1 Finn Boy, 20-1 others.

2.30 DINSDALE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP CHASE (£1,847: 2m) (7)

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3.00 MALTBY NOVICES HURDLE £1.165 2m) (14)

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5 DIVING 8 Mrs Y Aconley, 10-12 ... P Midgley (7)
6 2 GYMCRAK GAMBLE 7 M HESENTEY 10-12 ... L Wyer
7 02 HELDPSIS 21 M Hermond 10-12 ... N Bembey
8 O JIM'S WISN 20 G Moore 10-12 ... N Bembey
10 NILIMEGEN 48 Jamny Fizzgrald (1)-12 ... W Fty (7)
11 WRITTEN AGREEMENT J KINADR (6-12 ... D Byrns
12 LOCH GARANNE 258F M Camecho 10-7 ... F Garrity
14 O SIMPLY CANDY 16 A Stringer 10-7 ... S Turner
15 STURNER SAND 16 A Stringer 10-7 ... S Turner
16 Symcral Gamble, 10-1 Cheeky Pot, 14-1 others.

3.30 STOKESLEY HANDICAP CHASE

2 -11- 31/2 SNOWFIRE CHAP 11 (D.BF.F.G.S) Mrs G Reveley
9-11-10 P Miven
2 -1FP OLD NICK 9 (C.F.G.S) Mrs H Bett 11-11-10 M Dwyer
3 -642 SAMFEN 6 (B.C.F.G.S) M H'Easterby 10-11-1 L Wyer
4 -FOP BONNIE ARTIST 4 (C.F.G.S) W A Stephenson 8-10-10
K Johnson 5 -D45 DUBIOUS JAKE? (B,F,S) R Woodhouse 9-10-0 5 P-33 CHOCTAW 17 (F.S) P Beaumoni 8-10-0 Mrs A Farrell 7 2F21 BRIG'S GAZELLE 16 (C.G) I Part 10-10-0 N Smith; 5 8 //U PRISTINE 17 (S) W Barrer I1-10-0 G Herker 9-4 Snowfire Chap, 4-1 Bng's Gazelle, 9-2 Choctaw. 6-1 Semten, 8-1 Bonnio Artist, Old Nick, 12-1 others

4.00 LADBROKE LAST HANDICAP

HURDLE (£1,716: 2m) (11)

1 0P-5 COLONEL GAY 97 (D,S) J Johnson 7-11-10 A Ortoney
2 D1F3 SEXY MOVER 18 (D,G,S) W Storey 5-11-8 K Doolan
3 0116 SKOLERN 16 (V,CD,F,G) A Harrison 8-11-7 P Harrisy
4 010- AL SHAMIKH 357 (CD,G,S) R Woodhouse 9-11-3
S Terrier 5 3322 MASTER OFTHE HOUSE 15 (D,G) M Hammond
6:11.0 P Niven
6 -5F3 FULL MONTY 7 (D,F) Denys Smith 5:10-12 . C Smith
7 4:20 ASTURIAS 18 icD,P) A Smitger 9:10-11 F Muritagh (5)
8 5102 STYLISH GEN F 8 (D,BF,F) N Tinkler 5:10-10
8 SMCCount 3 f0-4 HOT COMPANY 22 (D,G) P Bevan 7-10-7-. R Stronge 10 5113 CAVALIER CROSSETT 8 (CD,F,G:S) E Cane 11-10-7 Mr P McLoughlin 11 F505 STARLIGHT WONDER 7 (D.F.G) R Bar 6-10-4 N Smith (5)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: F Walton, 4 winners from 10 runners, 40 0%; N Trailer, 12 from 47, 25 5%; Mrs G Reveley, 12 from 54, 22 2%, G Moore, 17 from 80, 21 3%; Jimmy Fittggerald, 18 from 96, 18.8%, M Hammond, 3 from 18, 16 7% JOCKEYS: G McCourt, 6 winners from 26 rides, 23 1%; M Dwysr, 25 (rom 111, 22.5%; R Hodge, 4 from 21, 19 0%; D Byrne, 7 (rom 39, 17.9%, A J Quinn, 4 from 28, 15.4%; C Grant, 15 from 105, 14.3%

E SOUTHWELL

12.55 Euroblake. 1.25 It's Only Money. 1.55 Awesome Power. 2.25 Magic Secret. 2.55 Pop To Stans. 3.25 Hand On Heart. 3.55 Pesidanamich. THUNDERER 12.55 Euroblake, 1.25 Fort Hope, 1.55 Awesome

Power. 2.25 Magic Secret. 2.55 Meltonby. 3.25 Hand On Heart. 3.55 Inseyab.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

12.55 TIMOTHY CLAIMING STAKES

(Dtv I: £2,226: 1m) (10 runners) 1 60/2 SHABANAZ 7 (G) 7 Caldwell 7-9-5 Stephen Davies (7) 7 2 6-23 EUROBLAKE 7 (CD.BF,F) : Barron 5-8-12

9-4 Tara s Dehgm, 11-4 Eurobiake, 3-1 Snabanaz, 7-1 Carrolls Marc, 10-1 Petropower, 12-1 Green's Bonheur, 14-1 others

1.25 COWSLIP HANDICAP

(3-Y-O: £2,030: 5f) (5) (3-Y-U: \$2,030: 51) (5)

1 260- IT'S ONLY MONEY 99 (D.S) T Caldwell 9-7
Stephen Dawes (7) 2

2 520- KICK ON MAJESTIC 121 (F) N Bycroft 8-12
Emma O'Gorman (5) 5

3 04-4 FORT HOPE 13 (B,D.BF.S) T Naughton 8-10 M Hills 3
4 50-5 DO THE BUSINESS 13 C Alten 8-5 ... D Buggs 31
5 0-00 KALAR 7 D Chapman 7-9 S Wood 4
6-4 It's Only Money, 3-1 Kick On Majestic, 4-1 Do The Business, 6-1 Fort Hope, 10-1 Kaler

1.55 TIMOTHY CLAIMING STAKES

1 406- AWESOME POWER 20 (S) C Nelson 6-8-11

N Day 2
5 00-4 DANZIG LAD 14 (V) M Nauchion 4-8-4. B Doyla (5) 9
5 406- ABSALOUI 573 (S) W G M Turner 4-8-3 G Bardwell 10
7 0-5 CLEC MODENA 14 M O Nett 4-8-2. J Fortune 1
8 00-0 CARNFIELD 14 J Glover 4-8-1 N Cartale 5
9 000- MY THREE GIRLS 88 H Collagroge 4-8-1 J Quirm 8
10 00 UPPANCE 7 D Chapman 4-7-12...... S Wood 4 9-4 Awesome Power, 3-1 Buddy's Friend, 7-2 Denzig Lad, 8-1 Cleo Modena, 10-1 Rencho Mirage, Foursingh, 12-1 c'hers

The funeral of Tony Murray, the former Flat jockey, took place at Salisbury crematorium yesterday. A memorial service is being arranged and an inquest into Murray's death has been adjourned until February 7.

2.25 BROWN JACOBSON HANDICAP

1 21-3 MAGIC SECRET 16 (CD,BF,S) P Haslam 4-9-10 2 04-2 FRESCOBALDO 16 (D.F.G) M Naughton 6-9-8 3 015- DUGGAN 43 (CD.F,G) R Williams 59-7 R Cochruns 4 4 0-00 BALAAT 7 (F) M Chapman 4-9-1 ... S D Williams (7) 2 5 322- QUALITAIR BLAZER 21 (CD) J Jenkins 58-9

N Carliste 1 6-4 Magic Secret, 5-2 Frescobaldo, 4-1 Qualitar Blazer, 6-1 Duggan, 14-1 Balast

2.55 YORKSHIRE FOG CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,167.71) (8)

1 S-11 PALACEGATE KING 7 (CD) J Berry 9-2..... J Carroll 4
2 0-12 POP TO STANS 2 (C.F.) T Barron 9-2 Aliax Greaves 3
3 3-22 PATRICIAN MAGICIAN 14 (F) R Walterns 9-0
4 05-2 READY TO DRAW 7 (F) Ronald Thrompson 8-12 — 1
5 21-5 MELTONBY 16 (C.D.F.St.) Hetherton 8-8 W Nownes 7
6 34-3 BROTHERLYAFFECTION 14 R Hollanshed 8-7
W Ryan 5 7 006- SIMON ELLIS 21 D Laing 8-5 M Hills 8 8 10-0 RYTHMIC STYLE 7 (F) T Barron 8-4 . . L Charnock 8

3.25 FOXGLOVE MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y-O: £2,108: 1m) (6) BUZZARDS BELBUDY H Collargadge 9-0 J Clarm 4
3- FENGARI & P Walnyn 9-0 R Cochrane 2
0 High SUCCESS 14 W O'Gorman 9-0 Gorman (5) 5
5 SO GREAT 7 W Haigh 9-0 A Culffane 6
CALCUTTA QUEEN Mrs J Coci 8-9 N Day 1
2 MAND ON HEART 14 W Higgas 8-9 N Day 1 A Hand On Heart, 3-1 Fengen, 4-1 Calcutta Queen, 6-1 So Great, 8-1 High Success, 10-1 Buzzards Bellbury

3.55 RYEGRASS HANDICAP

22,304: /1) (10)
1 0-11 DOULAB'S IMAGE 7 (B.CD) J Glover 5-10-1 (5ex)
S D Williams (7) 12 2 02-3 PESIDANAMICH 7 (B,CD,S) T Barron 4-9-10
Alex Greaves 10 3 053- BROWN FAIRY 36 (D.F.G) Mrs N Macauley 49-6 D Biggs (3) 1 Bliggs (3)
4 43-4 INSEYAB 7 (D.F.G) P Hastam 49-3 . J Farming (3)
5 /05- GUN RULE 21 (D.F.) D Lang 8-8-12....... M FB/Is
6 00-0 DAWN SUCCESS 16 (D.F.G.S) D Chapman 6-8-12 7 80-6 SALADAN KNIGHT 18 (B.C.F.G) Jammy Frizgerald 7-8-11---7 7-8-11--7
8 861- MORPICK 903 (C) J Leigh 5-8-7 A Cultisate 5
9 052- ON Y VA 20 (D,S) R Williams 5-8-4 J Cultin 15
10 50-2 SWINGING LADY 14 W Heigh 4-8-2 ... L Charmock 3
11 005- SILLY'S BROTHER 9J (CD) N Bycool 6-7-13

12 500- WARRIOR PRINCE 7J (F) R Whiteler 47:12. — 2
13 000- MINIZEN MUSIC 93 (F) M Prince 47:12. — 2
14 05-0 VERRO 13 (C) J Benneri 57:7. ... N Cartise 14
15 50-0 COSSACK NOR 7 M Naughton 41:7. B Doyle [5] 8
16 65-6 KABERA 14 D Chapman 47:7. ... S Wood 6
2 Pesidanamich, 4-1 Doyle is Image, 6-1 On 7 Ver

7-2 Pesidanamich, 4-1 Doubab's Image, 5-1 On Y Va, 6-1 Swinging Lady, 8-1 Morpick, 10-1 Brown Fary, Inseyab, 12-1 others COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Neison, 10 winners from 32 runners, 31 3%; T Barton, 44 from 168, 26 2%, W O Gorman, 22 from 96, 22 9%; J Barry, 19 from 95, 20 0°%, W Heggas, 5 from 27, 18 5%, J Hetherton, 4 from 24, 15 7%. JOCKEYS: Alex Greaves, 47 winners from 159 rides, 29 6%, R Cochrane, 3 from 14, 21,4%, Emma O'Gorman, 18 from 100, 18 0%, N Day, 10 from 65, 15 4%, S D Williams, 5 from 40, 12.5%, M Hills, 7 from 57, 12 3%.

All Jeff last in Cagnes chase

ALL Jeff. trained by Charlie Brooks, finishing last in the £25,500 Grand Prix de la Ville de Nice at Cagnes-sur-Mer yesterday (Our French Racing Correspondent writes).

The race was won by course specialist Pampalino, the well-supported favourite. He was ridden by Guy Landau, who was formerly based in Lambourn,



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	2.05 ASHFORD NOVICES HURDLE (21,772: 2m) (12 nunners)
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	203 6-1 SPINNING 17 (D.G) (P Mellon) 1-Belding 5-11-2 J Frost 85 204 14-4 ASHFOLD COPSE 22 (S) (May P Locks) G Hammod 8-16-10 M Persen 94
	205 0/00P- CASTLE ORCHARD 282 /B Admires P. Helward R.10-10
	206 DUNMAGLASS 587F (T Amold) P Butlet 5-10-10 S Amold (7) 207 P GOLD TRUST 10 (E Benflet) P Matter 5-10-10 J Refloor - 208 00 INVOCATION 43 (R Kiernen) A Moore 5-16-10 G Moore 53
	209 (P JAEGER 52 (D Steele) J Jerkins 5-10-10 R Dumwoody 51 210 50 MY LAMB 29 (D Thorapeon) D Enworth 7-10-10 G Bradley 65
:	209 CP JAEGER S2 (D Steels) J Jackins 5-10-10 R Durwoody S1
•	BETTING: 2-1 Spinning, 9-4 Ashfold Copes, 7-2 Rospill, 5-1 Polishing, 12-1 My Lemb, 20-1 others. 1991: GRAN ALBA 5-(0-10 G McCourt (11-2) R Hannon 21 ran
	FORM FOCUS
	POLISHING easily best Falcons Dawn 2/st in 11- 4th of 13 to Travado in govice hurdle over course
	ROSGILL best Galaxy High 21 in 8-runner Ascot Inple Witching in Lowcester (2th, good to sort) nov-
	SPINNING best Keher 1/41 in 10 runner Challanhem In Bath (1m, firm) safer on the Plet in September.
	(2m, good) novice hurdin. ASHFOLD COPSE 5Ni 1 Selection: ASHFOLD COPSE (nap)
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	303 101-128 CACHE FLEUR 10 (BF.F.G.S) (B Kigetrick) M Pipe 5-114 P Scudemore 88 304 PPUSPF MOUNT EATON FOX 22 (Mass S-French) Mrs-J French-9-11-4 Miss S-French 94
	305 1100-P4 STRONG BEAU 18 (G.S) (Mrs & Maxwell-Jones) D Micholson 7-11-4. R Durawoody 88
	BETTING: 5-4 Black Humbor, 6-4 Far Sver Struy; 5-7 Cache Fletir, 6-7 Strong Beeu, 50-1 Mount Enton Fox. 1991: SOUTHERLY BUSTER 8-11-12 J Ceborne (4-1) O Sherwood 12 ran
	FORM FOCUS
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	nowce chase; previously best Sacre D'Or. 51 in 4 numer Uniqueder (2m. good) novice chase. Seen's Scholar 21 in 8-numer hards here (2m. 41, good) novice chase. BLACK HUMOUR impressive when bearing good to soft). STRONS SEAU 2019 last of 4 to
	Afaristour 15 in 12-runner Wowsmampson (2m,) Bracoury over at Champing (2m 4, 9400).
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	MANDARIN THUNDERER RICHARD EVANS
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	3.45 O'Reilly. 3.15 Mighty MogaL
	4.15 Cottage Walk. 3.45 M I Babe. 4.15 Jakarrdi.
	The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.15 MIGHTY MOGUL.
	GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS
	1.15 KING'S AFRICAN RIFLES NOVICES HURDLE
	(4-Y-O: £1,235: 2m) (18 runners)
	1 13 DUKE OF MONMOUTH 20 (D.BF.S) (A Seed) S Sherwood 11-3 M Flichards @ 99 2 P1590 METAL DISEAU 20 (B.CD.G) (F Nory) J Moore 11-3 A Chariton 84
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11 GREEN'S VAN GOYEN 51 (CD,G,S) (D Humssett) R Akshursi 11-2... J Osborne
11 MIREN 13 (D,F) (A Deen) C C Elsey 11-2... P Scutiemore
12 MIREN 13 (D,F) (A Deen) C C Elsey 11-2... P Scutiemore
13 BENGAL TIGER 34F (A Johnston) J Akshursi 10-10... L Harveyn
14 P BŘEAKERS AHEAD 14 (J Joseph) R Frost 10-10... S Michell
15 DD DI STEFANO 11 (P Wiegand) G Harveod 10-10... M Perrett
16 HASHAR 146F (W Brown) D Elseworth 10-10... G Bradley
17 HIGHLAND AIR (Duese REspecth) I Belding 10-10... J Frost
17 JUNTING 155F (B Oxton) M Stenshard 10-10... D Gutlagher
18 VALIANT WARRIOR SEF (Mar J Modd) D Nicholson 10-10... R Durwood BETTING: 9-4 Green's Van Goven, 11-4 Mubin, 7-2 Hohland Av. 5-1 Hasher, 8-1 Valient Werrlor, 10-1 others 1991: SILKEN FAN 4-10-10 M Richards (3-1 fav) P Hedger 12 ran GREEN'S VAN GOYEN best Ring Of Fortune 2½1 maiden hurdle. HASHAR 5 2nd of 7 to Dowland in Flumpton (2m, good) novice hurdle previously best Scent Of Battle 2½1 in 20-runner novice hurdle over course and distince (good to soit).

All SIN best Al Mutahm at in 9-runner Sendown (2m, good to firm) novice hurdle to US TEFANO 281 4th of 22 to Hisroglyphic in watuable Donoester (1m 4f, good to soit) handless.

Sth of 19 to Absent Relative in Lingfield (2m, good) 4.05 ROYAL MAIL HANDICAP HURDLE (E2,337: 3m) (10 numers) Long handicap: Isabeau 9-12, Bold Choice 9-6, Lobric 9-5, Hugil 9-4. BETTING: 2-1 Emerald Sunset, 3-1 Lagal Beagle, 5-1 Run To Form, 7-1 Isabaau, 8-1 Dodger Dickins, 1991: CHURCH LEAP 7-10-2 / Lawrence (12-1) K Bestey 12 ran **FORM FOCUS** RUN TO FORM 10% 5th of 8 to Easy Buck in Wincanton (2m. good) handlesp hurdle on persitimate start. LEGAL BEAGLE 2/d 2nd of 8 to Rocco-in Newbury (2m 41 100 yd. good) nurdle. EMERALD SUNSET beat Mistress Riess 4 in 9-runner Newbury (3m 120 yd. good) conditional jockeys handlesp hurdle. Deck HARD TO HOED 8/4 (3nd of 20 to Dark Honey in Lekester (3m. good) handlesp hurdle. DODGER. DYCKENS hd 2nd of 11 to Shelton Abbey in Newcastie (3ra, good to firm) novice handicap hardies, ISABEAU 31 2nd of 8 to See Trout in Nottingham (2m 6f, good to firm) handicap hurdle with DODGER DICHCHNS (4th better off) 67 3rd. HURLI 181 2nd of 16 to Pramier Princess in Nottingham (2m 6f, good to firm) handicap hurdle with EMERALD SUNSET (3th worse off) 51/14th and HARD TO HOLD (8th better off) 11 5th.

Selection: LEGAL BEAGLE **COURSE SPECIALISTS** TRAINERS 2.45 ROYAL FLYING CORPS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,125; 2m 5f 110yd) (12 runners) Long handicap: Sheer Steel 9-6, Moe Greene 9-1. DETTING: 7-2 Felos Economy, 4-1, Plat Resy, 5-1 Melicus, 6-1 Strong Gold, 8-1 Creesger, Meritmoore, 10-1 Fire Al Will, 14-1 Captain Frisk, 20-1 others. 3.15 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2.553; 2m) (18 runners)

0 WITNEY GIRL 51 (R Yates) J McConnoche 6-10-9......

3.45 QUEENS OWN CAMERON HIGHLANDER HANDICAP CHASE

BETTING: 4-5 Mighty Mogul. 3-1 Rocky Park, 8-1 Sen Fernando, 12-1 Paper Star, 14-1 Rochestown Lass, 16-1 Sworded Knight, 20-1 others.

4.15 LEVY BOARD STAKES (National Hunt flat race: £1,708: 2m) (18 runners)

BETTING: 7-2 Cottage Walk, 9-2 Jakarrof, 5-1 Uriquaret, 8-1 Ubu val, Union Castle, 12-1 Crystal Minstrel, Martel Boy, 16-1 Postmen's Path, Matawal, 20-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

Alan Merrigan, who has been out of action for six weeks with head of action for six weeks were action.

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injuries and a dislocated shoulder | tomorrow.

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Lawrence unfit for first cricket Test in Christchurch

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England lose services of their cutting edge

FROM ALAN LEE **CRICKET CORRESPONDENT** IN CHRISTCHURCH

LANCASTER Park, where the first Test match begins tomorrow, has been a humiliating venue for recent England sides, but if this winter's series is not to go down the dead-end route of so many others in New Zealand, Graham Gooch's team simply has to win here. Yesterday's bad, though not unexpected. news was that it must do so without David Lawrence.

As the fastest bowler on either side. Lawrence would have given England a definite edge on what is historically by far the most likely of New Zealand's three Test grounds to produce a result. Eight years ago, England were bowled out here for 82 and 93, and on their last tour they degenerated into costly petulance when a winning position slipped away.

Only two of the last seven Tests in Christchurch have been drawn. Meanwhile, there have been 13 draws out of 19 in Auckland and Wellington. Fail here and the next few weeks could be purgatory.

To most eyes, Lawrence's fitness test yesterday was a gesture against impossible odds. The man himself saw it differently and all credit to him for that but, after a gentle run with the team's physiotherapist, Laurie Brown, even he had to admit defeat.

He was champing at the bit to have a bowl but we couldn't allow it." Gooch said. "He is simply not fit. It's a sad loss for us and very disappointing for him be-cause his confidence was so

Lawrence says he still hopes to recover in time to play in New Plymouth a week today. but with the type of injury he has and the type of tour that this is, it is cruelly possible that he will return to England next month without bowling

One man's misfortune is. as ever, another man's gain and

the absence of their fastest bowler makes it almost inevitable that England will seek to balance the side by giving a first Test appearance to Dermot Reeve. If he plays, he will fill what is still known as the Botham role more authentically than any previous candidate, because he is the first who is capable of batting in the traditional all-rounder's place at No. 6.

That place was initially reserved for Mark Ramprakash, who batted there all last summer, but his form would make him a senseless selection. While the rest of the squad enjoyed a day off yesterday, he was back in the nets under the gaze of his

Gooch said: "I practised with him and had a chat about keeping his spirits up. He must keep doing things the way he always has and soon it will come right. He is very young and a couple of poor innings do not make him a bad player, but it is only natural he should worry

It is at times like this that Gooch's captaincy is seen at its best. These days, he thinks tive distance from his players and he is more likely to be seen plodding alone around the shops or quietly reading his Wilbur Smith novel than in the company of any of the cliques which develop on tour. But he makes certain he spends time with every member of the team, both to assess personalities and to encourage those who need it. as Ramprakash does now.

Gooch's very presence is crucial to England. On each of the last two tours, injuries to him have disorientated the side. With huge relief, then, it can be reported that despite discomfort from a long-term knee condition and the sudden reappearance of a growth on his right hand, there is no question of him missing this

The knee, which has more than anything frustrated his habitual early-morning running routine, may need minor surgery before the next English season. The hand could also be cured under anaesthetic but he prefers to live with it. "Ten years ago in the West Indies it was painful," he recalled whimsically. "Our physio cured it by hit-ting it with a Bible."

New Zealand exploit rich seam of success

THE tales of Christchurch. Canterbury, do not make edi-fying reading for England followers (Simon Wilde not been beaten at Lancaster Park for ten years, during which time their seam-dominated attacks have swiftly dispatched visiting parties of pilgrims: England, West Indies and Sri Lanka all beaten in three days; India in four.

England's defeat, in 1983-4, was the most crushing.
Dismissed twice for under 100, they were beaten in less than 12 hours.

There are, however, encouraging signs for England. Since New Zealand last played a Test here, Sir Rich-

ard Hadlee, who scored 99 and took eight wickets in the match eight years ago, has retired. Charfield, Snedden and Lance Cairns, so often the good knight's accomplices in the Eighties, have also departed the scene.

Now, England probably have the stronger seam attack, particularly if they inshire all-rounder. Reeve's tale may be no less interesting than the knight's.

RESULTS (1929-30 to dete): England won 5, New Zealand 1, draws 5. RECORDS (England first): Highest totals: 560-9 dec (1932-3); 417-3dec (1950-1): Lowest totals: 82 (1983-4): 65 (1970-1). Highest horings: 27 W R Harmond (1932-3); 116 W A Hadlee (1948-7) and 8 subdiffe (1950-1): Best bowling: 7-75 F S Trueman (1952-3): 843 J Cover (1946-7).

opening partners in Test cricket and he will add another tomorrow in Alec Stewart. New Zealand also add a new apprentice to an old sorcerer.
Blair Hartland joining up
with the established John
Wright, who cheerfully admitted yesterday that he is no part of the "Young Guns" policy being marketed here. One who does fit that bill however, is Chris Cairns, and if this series promotes the

career of any New Zealander. the chances are it will be this tall, thrusting all-rounder who should prove such a good acquisition for Nottinghamshire next season.

When Gooch looked at the Test pitch yesterday, he found it was still wet and grassy. "It won't look like that on Saturday," he predicted.

As a newcomer to Tests in this country, however, he was surprised to learn that the runs-per-wicket ratio on this ground is the lowest anywhere in the world, lower even than Headingley.

"In any three game series, you cannot afford to lose the first is played on a result pitch it becomes still more important. Patience could be the key to the series. These are slow wickets and it is not easy to get people out. You have to keep working until the break comes and then make the best

the misconception that he dissuspect he knows that Phil Tufnell gives him and England their clearest hope of

Gooch now gushes praise for Tufnell and nominates him as the best young spin bowler he has seen for many years. This genteel, cathedral city is a good place for him to

Earning his stripes: Rodber hopes his mobility will pin down the Scots Restraint pays off as Rodber comes of age

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT A YEAR or so ago, the new England No. 8 fell a victim to fashion. Several of the younger forwards at Northampton paid a visit to the barber and had their jersey numbers etched on the back of their heads. Tim Rodber's hair has grown

you might say, has grown np. Not physically, because at 6ft 6in he had no more growing to do, but mentally, he is a far more mature player than the youngster who went with England to Argentina in 1990. Then he seemed far too ready to join in any confrontation that was going. It was, admittedly, a tough tour and Rodber, now 22, is not one

to take a backward step. But he admits that he was perhaps over-hasty with his fists, and cites the stern advice given him by Roger Uttley, then England coach, after he saw Rodber take a swing at Neil Back. of Leicester. "We don't want our future internationals punching other people or they won't be future internationals." Uttley, with a gimlet stare, told the crestfallen blond

That probationary sec-ond lieutenant Rodber becomes an international when England play Scotland at Murrayfield tomor- learned so much from him. row shows how swiftly the lesson has been taken to heart. "I toned down the physical side. I have learned that if someone tries to hit me it's probably because I'm getting the better of him, so I can laugh it

game," Rodber said. It is an attitude the Army will appreciate too. Rodber always wanted to be a sol-dier, and it seems appropriate that the lad born in Richmond, Yorkshire, should be on a five-year commission in the Green-Howards, who hail from Richmond themselves. He arrived at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, this month by way of Churcher's College, Petersfield, the Polytechnic of Oxford and a year in the Dordogne, in France.

Rodber has drawn on many sources to improve his game, but he has bene-fited from the influence of one man in particular. "I tried to learn from every No. 8 I played against," he said. "Then Wayne Shelford came along and kicked me into gear and the B games [four of them] started coming. "Wayne's arrival at

Northampton accelerated my game in terms of know ledge, of basic know-how, I I had ability, but he refined my game. He changed my thinks, fitness, body positions. The cumulative effect is that I now feel confident I can offer more than any other No. 8 in the country.

substantial defensive ards, a predecessor at No. 8, but feels he has offer qualities. "I have a particular style of play, mobile, straight-running. I reach the breakdowns fast, I make the hig tackles. I make space for other people. There is nothing more exhibarating than. putting in a hefty tackle."
While he learned, the way

to a cap was opening Richards's form had slipped, Mike Teague and Dean Ryan were injured and Ben Clarke, another young contender, suffered a set-back when he was suspended after a sending-off. Even the Army has played its part. After train-

ing with England on Sunday. Rodber returned to ndhurst to prepare for a survival course "somewhere in Kent, I think". Two nights on emergency rations will have left him with a hearty appetite for Scotch broth

YACHTING

Shifting winds creating havoc

From Keith Wheatley

WIND conditions here are beginning to show their true, erratic nature. In Wednesday's race between the wouldbe America's Cup defenders, Bill Koch and Dennis Conner, the breeze varied from 26 knots to five and visited every point of the compass.

The first upwind leg saw the 75ft yachts flying spinnakers for the final mile to the bouy. At the leeward mark they kept straight on past rather than turning, heading for the new weather mark.

"I've been running races out of San Diego for 20 years and I've never seen anything as weird as this." Terry Harper, vice-president of race management for the America's Cup organising commit-tee (ACOC), said. "The com-mittee has boats that take readings all over the course. We were gening shifting individual reports differing by up to 60 at any given moment.

A high-rechnology private meteorology firm which does the predictions for the ACOC forecast calm seas with a fiveto-seven knot breeze for Wednesday. "We thought we were talking to the right person on weather," Harper said.

Aboard the yachts the bewilderment was equally widespread. "At one point our crew was a little confused. They didn't know what leg we were on." Andreas Josephans, Bill Koch's tactician aboard Jayhawk, said.

Tom Whidden, Conner's veteran ractician, agreed. "We were muddled our-selves." he said. "If you looked around the race course there were private yachts hard on the wind and going in a dozen different

In truth, there is nothing that can be done. Sailors take the weather as they find it. But a sequence of such days might reduce the Cup to the world's most expensive lottery rather than a sporting event producing winners with good claim to be the world's most technically skilled sailors.

To date: there seems no way of predicting the witid in San Diego. However, experience becomes even more valuable when responding to the shifts. In the Conner-Koch race. Conner got every shift right, the novice Kech made some poor calls.

World title in the grip of Australia

Jervoise Bay, Western Australia: The Australian champions. Mitch Booth and John Forbes, established a strong points lead in the International Tornado catamaran class world championship with their second win in a row in changeable conditions here yesterday (Bob Ross

RESULTS: Fourth race: 1, M Booth and J Forbes (Aus); 2, R Gaebler and F Perlow (Gar); 3, R ven Teyfingen and P Menuel (Neith); 4, S Hoestetre and M Kooyman (Neith); 5, M Paou and Y Querne (Fr), 8, 8 Obsers and B Gagnebin (Switz); 7, S Barsen and F Distate (Den); British placings; 12, D Williams and I Rhodes; 28, 1 Richinson and B Grant, Provisional overall polinter; 1, Booth and Forbes, 3; 2, O and R Schwell (Gar), 19; 3, Gaebler and Partow, 23; 4, G Zucolf and A Gissoni (I), 25, 5, File Pautrec and R de Meo (Fr), 33; 6, Hoestetre and Kooyman, 35, 7; H Sastracher and H Velenteum (Austra), 41

Caribbean -Test for **S** Africans

Johannesburg: The United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) said yesterday that a proposed tour to the Caribbean in April would include a Test match, as well as three one-day internationals.

UCBSA officials, who are having talks here with their counterparts from the West Indies cricket board, also said that a tour of South Africa by West Indies was tentatively planned for February next year. It would follow a threemonth Test tour of the Republic by India, the first since South Africa was readmitted to international cricket. Some South African offici-

als admitted they were nervous about meeting such a formidable side. But Ali Bacher, managing director of the UCBSA. said: "This would be a great opportunity for our players and would also be another step in establishing goodwill with the major cricketing nations of the

SWITZERLAND

AUSTRIA

India topple West Indies

ting talents of Kris Srikkanth and Sachin Tendulkar led India to the World Series Cup finals against Australia when they defeated West Indies by five wickets here yesterday. India scored 176 for five

with 3.2 of their alloted 50 overs remaining after restricting West Indies to 175 for eight. Tendulkar struck a disciplined unbeaten 57 off 88 balls after Srikkanth, the opener, had scored 60 off 84 balls. Srikkanth reached his half-century by hitting Carl Hooper for six over Patrick Patterson's head at long-on.

Victory was a just reward for India after they courageously selected the leg spinner, Narendra Hirwani, who picked up the important wickets of Richie Richardson and Brian Lara. He was wellsupported by the seam bowlers, Manoj Prabhakar and Kapil Dev. who both bowled tightly, and by excellent fielding which secured three run-

The West Indian openers, Desmond Haynes and Philo

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over, the usually aggressive Wallace scoring only two in 32 balls before being run out.

Haynes went for 14, caught Chandrakant Pandit, the icketkeeper, while trying to glide Javagal Srinath through the slips. Hirwani came on to bowl in the nineteenth over and had the inform Lara stumped for 11. Hooper and Richardson added 39 for the fourth wicket before Hirwani claimed his second wicket by having the West Indian captain leg-before for 20.

Hooper, who made 45 in 45 balls, lofted Prabhakar to mid-wicket, where Sanjay Manjrekar held a good running catch, Malcolm Mar-shall and David Williams were run out and Carlisle Best fell to a wild swing against Srinath. West Indies needed Curtly Ambrose, who hit hard for 24 off 21 balls, to inject a late flourish. Ambrose then set the Indi-

ans back with a superb open-ing spell in which he took the wicket of Ravi Shastri before Wallace, struggled to reach the audacious Srikkanth

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K Sirkkanth c Williams b Ambrose
K Sirkkanth c Williams b Patterson
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Kapil Dev not out Extras (To 11, w 2, nb 9) 115, 5-169. †C S Pandit, M Prabhaker, J Srinath and N D Hirverid did not bez. BOMUNG: Marshall 10-1-33-0, Ambrose 10-4-17-2; Cutrenins 10-0-47-0; Patterson 8-1-31-1; Hooper 8-0-35-2; Richardson 0.4-0-20.

ion of the match: S.R. Tendusker

HOCKEY

BOXING

Cup teams are depleted by training

By ALIX RAMSAY

THE Great Britain training weekend at Lilleshall has deprived the leading clubs of their best players for the fourth round of the All-England Women's Hockey Association Cup on Sunday.

Playing Slough is never easy, but having to play them without the help of Sandie Lister and Vickey Dixon makes life that much more difficult for (pswich, who had also decided to drop Martine Butcher. Slough, too, have their problems, with Jo Thompson, Karen Brown and Sam Wright called up for Lilleshall.

Injuries to the Ealing captain and vice-captain. Sue Lawrie and Joan Lewis. have not helped their championship hopes, but on Sunday. they will lose Mandy Nichols. With Jeannette Brittin playing cricket for England in New Zealand and Sally Eyre still injured, their cup hopes could be doomed, too. Val Hallam will be absent from the Doncaster team.

Schwer commands support BY SRIKUMAR SEN. BOXING CORRESPONDENT

IF BILLY Schwer does not win the European title next month, it will not be for want of support. This tough, freshfaced lightweight from Luton has alone sold more than £40,000 worth of tickets, 1.400 seats, which is a little more than half the Wembley Grand Hall, for his bout with Antonio Renzo on February

While not yet quite a Terry Spinks. Charlie Magri or Frank Bruno, Schwer, aged 22. could develop a big cult following if he lifts the European title, his manager, Mickey Duff, believes. He has had only 14 contests and his last bout, at the Albert Hall on November 20.

was a tough one against Marcei Herbert. He had to go the distance to win, but Duff said he had made the move for the title because he could see the division getting tougher in the next two years. He wanted Schwer to be in the position to challenge for the world title

"I fancy Schwer will bear Renzo and become European champion. He should be fighting for the world title after 25 to 30 fights," Duff

Renzo, aged 32, has been boxing for seven years and has had 31 contests, losing six. Interestingly, three of those defeats were inside the distance. He could be made for a puncher like Schwer, though Duff said: "There will. be times when a lot of us will be holding our breath."

SKIING

Swiss pair at home on the Streif

Kitzbühel: For the second successive day, two Swiss, the same two, were fastest in final training for the toughest back-to-back downhills of the season being held today and tomorrow on this Austrian resort's famous Streif piste.

Daniel Mahrer edged his compatriot. Franz Heinzer, the world champion, in yes-

57.38sec, just 0.18sec off the course record. On Wednesday, their positions were reversed. "It's getting colder and the course is getting harder and faster, so we'll have a good race," Heinzer said. A surprising third was the Frenchman, Lionel Finance, while the American,

terday's run, recording 1 min A. J. Kitt, was twelfth, Today's downhill replaces that called off at St Anton, while the scheduled Hahnenkamm tomorrow will be a combination event with a siatom on Sunday. (Agencies) FINAL PRACTICE TIMES: 1, 3 Mahrer (Switz). Imm 67.38sec. 2, F. Heitzer (Switz). 157.52: 3, L. Finance (Fr), 157.54: oqual 4, M. Mahr (II) and M. Wastmaer (Ger), 157.88, B. G. Mader (Austria), 157.94, 7, P. Ortish (Austria), 157.95.

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1,45 (2m 3t ch) 1, Broughton Manor (M.A. Ritzgeraid, 64 law); 2, Sensible Express (3-1), 3, Treapler (16-1), 1, 17 an. 1, 151, Mrs.) Alletter Tota: 52.40; 51.30; 51.20; 52.20. DF: 52.40 (2SF 580; 7. Tricast; 541.27. 2.15 (2m 110yd holle); 1, Viding Fleigehip (R Durwoody, 7-1); 2, Gabrey, Star (7-1), 3, Russy Rion (8-1). Tigher Claw 7-4 law-11 ran. 2, nk. D. Nicholson, Tota: 58.80; 51.60, 52.00, 52.70. DF: 52.510. CSF-53.57-Tycast; 541-4, 17, Deep Risch (150-1) was withdrawn under orders, but all belts are refunded. 2.45 (4m 2t -10yd ch); 1, The Fortise (M. M Hourigan, 27-1); 2, July So (9-1), 3, Royal Battary (3-1), Honeybeer Mead 9-4 law, 15 ran. 34, 5, 17. Bit. Tota: 519.90; 64.20, 52.70, 51.90 DF: 581.30, CSF, £184.09. Tricast £54.5.89.



Bill: Taunton win with The Forties

3.15 (2m 1 (0yd hole)* 1, Knight in Side (M A Fitzgersid, 12-1); 2, Reve En Rose (12-1); 3, Code Dodger (2-1); Martha's Son 10-11 fav. 14 fam. 1, 4, 8 Calison, Tota-14-40; 23-80, 22-80, 51-70 DF; 578-90, CSF, 51-47-29. 3.45 (2m 119yd hole) 1. Bud's Bet (J Pulln, 12-1); 2. Northern Seddler (17-2); 3. Royal Piper (6-1) Biateneys Git 7-2 fav 13 ran. NF. Siver Parrot. 181, 4f. J MCConnochie. Tota: £14 40; £3.00, £3.00, £2.60. DF: £46.70 CSF: £98.44 Tricust: £513.34

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1.00 (2m 8t hote) 1. The Hill (J Resiton, 16-1); 2, Fer Too Loud (5-5 fev), 3, Tutter's Genth (15-2) 6 ran 201, 1/21 B Smart Toto £20.50; £2.60; £1.90; £3.60 DF £28.60 CSF: £29.36 1.30 (2m 4f hdls) 1, Carfax (M Hoad, 11-8 lav); 2, Gypty Trat (10-1), 3, Lity Sugars (4-1), 8 van, NR Hightand Lard 10t, fbt, R Hoad Tote: £1.80, £1.10, £2.30, £1.90 DF £10.87 CSF £15.56, Tracast, £44.71, Na bid.

No bid.
2.00 (2m; 4f bote) 1, Wick Pound (F Grantham, 5-1), 2; Martin Dancer (4-6 fav); 3, Gallent Effort (15-6), 3 ran. 5, 4l. J Old Tule: £4.20, DF £1.30 CSF: £8.39 2.30 (2m holis) 1, Gina-Diana (A Dickan, 11-6 fav); 2, Beemoredean (65-40), 3, Sing Trè Blues [5-1], 6 ran NR, Hold Court 3d, 27f, 5 Dow Tote £2 40, £1.20, £1.70, DF: £3.60, CSF: £4.25

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S.00 (2m hds) 1, Storm Orphan (A. Maguire, 10-17 fay), 2, Crown Baladee (8-1), 3, My Albr (16-1), 11 ran 341, sh hd Stee B Senders, Tota £ 170; £110, £140, £280; OF; £4.90 CSF £9 33.

Triple assault may take its toll on Ferguson's men

By Stuart Jones, football correspondent

MANCHESTER United opened the football season last August in pursuit, primarily, of a League championship which had eluded them for a quarter of a centil. ry. Now they find themselves established as the favourites. to win all three domestic trophies, a feat which no club has achieved before.

The heavy expectancy, especially as it has become so widespread, will almost certainly lead to their undoing in one competition or another. They cannot rely on luck, which has deserted all of their principal rivals in the first division, accompanying them throughout the rest of an increasingly arduous season.

Misfortune struck Liverpool before it started and they

have yet fully to recover from an unprecedented sequence of injuries. Arsenal stumbled unexpectedly into a collective loss of form so complete that they were eliminated from three cups, as well as effectively the League, three days into the new year.

Tottenham Hotspur have been without the irreplaceable Lineker, albeit briefly but through the cruellest of circumstances, and Gascoigne. through his own recklessness. Everton, as Howard Rendall is tiring of repeating, has gained a host of moral vic-tories (including two over United) without collecting the points they deserve.

As the main protagonists fell behind, at least Leeds United sustained a challenge

Deane a Leeds target

HOWARD Wilkinson, the Leeds United manager, conceded yesterday that the loss of Lee Chapman for at least five weeks will almost certainly prompt him to move into the transfer market to secure a suitable replacement (Ian.

Ross writes). Chapman, Leeds's leading scorer this season, was released from hospital yesterday morning after undergoing corrective surgery on the left wrist which he fractured during Wednesday's FA Cup third-round tie against Manchester United. Not too surprisingly, Wil-

Billing is

reported

kinson declined to name the men he has in mind but it does seem probable that he will shortly make contact with Sheffield United about the availability of Brian Deane. the England international.

Any deal is likely to happen after the weekend. "At the moment. I am concentrating my energies on Saturday's home game against Crystal Palace," Wilkinson said. That particular team will be selected from the players who are already here at the club but after that I do have an open mind about going out and buying someone else."

only for their luck to run out eventually as well. Not only did the ball persist in bouncing unkindly for them on Wednesday but they also lost Chapman for five weeks and, with him, maybe their momentum.

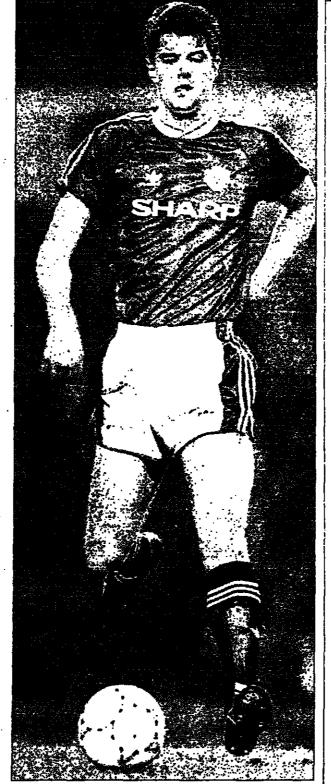
So much, incidentally, for the suggestion, offered in these pages, that he should be omitted. He demonstrated his value as a creative figure, if not as a reliable scorer, by stepping out of Pallister's shadow: Leeds, inevitably. will sorely miss the presence of their centre forward.

Alex Ferguson is thus enti-

tled to believe that this indeed his dub's season. Apart from the mystifying aberration on New Year's Day, everything has gone their way and, spec-tacularly so, in the FA Cup tie at Elland Road.

Their consistency in knockout tournaments, though, has been remarkable. So far this decade, they have played in 40 ries and lost a mere three. Had they not yielded 3-0 to Atletico Madrid and subsequently been removed from the European Cup Winners' Cup. their forthcoming schedule would be even more

. As it is, they face the prospect of completing another 27 fixtures, assuming they are not entangled in replays, they are to finish on May 9 by sweeping the board. All at Old Trafford would be more than content, however, if they capture only one trophy, their



Pallister: duel with Chapman

Kingstonian rue defensive lapses

NON-LEAGUE POOTBALL BY WALTER GAMMIE

to the FA PETER Billing, the Coventry City defender who has atready been suspended three times this season, is in trouble by Kingstonian, who hit form again with both his club and the Football Association (Chris Moore writes).

Billing, aged 27, has been fined and reported to the FA for allegedly directing foul and abusive language to-wards the referee, Tony Ward, at the end of Tuesday's FA Cup defeat at Cambridge United, who won 1-0 with an own goal following a lastwho had joined his colleagues minute penalty.

The Derby County defender, Mark Patterson, will miss the rest of the season after an operation on his left knee.

COLCHESTER United, the favourites for the Vauxhall FA Trophy, were given a good run for their money in the League clubs which have first round over two matches

they have been unable to achieve consistently in the Diadora League this season. The GM Vauxhall Conference leaders scrambled a 2-2 draw at Layer Road last Saturday thanks to a late goal by Tony English, their captain, with the aid of an eccentric assist by Scott Barrett, their

at a corner. In the replay, before a crowd of 1,624 at Kings-meadow on Tuesday, Colchester pulled through 3-2

nett and McGavin, the eighteenth of his first full season for the 21-year-old forward signed for £3,000 from Sudbury Town. Manchester City joined a long list of Footbail

"We should have won it on Samrday, that was our best chance," Chris Kelly, the Kingstonian manager, said. "We gave them two goals on Tuesday. I think Colchester are a reasonable side. They were generally better than us. but they didn't dominate as you might have expected."

Colchester apprentice, scored once on Saturday and both Kingstonian's goals, from the penalty spot, on Tuesday to take his tally to 13 from ten matches since being signed

from Redbridge Forest. His arrival has strengthened the

"Our only aim now is to get as high as we can in the league," Kelly said, "and just hope that Woking hit a brick wall, but, at the moment, they look uncatchable. They are a very good side. Maybe the Cup defeat will have dented their confidence but, short of hijacking the lot of them. there doesn't seen to be any way of stopping them."

Colchester travel to Merthyr Tydfil in the next round having lost at Penydarren Park in their recent meeting Wanderers, the holders, play Woking in the tie of the round, and Bashley, the Beazer Homes-League lead-ers, play Kettering Town, of

Bashley beat Dagenham 2-0 on Wednesday, with goals from Simon Gowans and Leroy Whale. Although promotion to the Conference would present problems, the New Forest club has been offered a site on the outskirts of the village that it would be able to develop to the required standards and would contemplate a temporary ground-sharing arrangement. "The challenge is there and we accept every challenge," Tony Adams, the Bashley press secretary, said.

All the Conference sides had reached the first round, for the first time for three but three fell by the wayside. Enfield thrashed Slough Town 4-0, Marine won 1-0 at Stafford Rangers and Stalybridge Celtic won 2-1 at Altrincham, last season's semi-finalists.

Lottery lobby put to parliamentary test

Britain and Albania are the only coun-tries in Europe which do not have national lotteries. In France, lotteries generate annual sales of **SPORT** almost £2 billion, in Ger-many £2.5 billion, in Bel-gium nearly £3 billion, in Austria £3.5 billion, in Finland nearly £5 billion and in Spain, where the announcement of results of

most brings the country to a standstill more than £5 billion worth of tickets are sold. One recent survey concluded that the British would spend £2 billion a year on a national lottery. in some countries, the profits, after deductions for prizes, administration and tax, help build the facilities

El Gordo (The Big One) al-

staging such important events as the World Cup and the Olympic Games. Dick Palmer, secretary of the British Olympic Association, which together with the Sports Council has pledged support for a nat-ional lottery, said: "If a British lottery were a success, then it could make a substantial difference in building sport and rec-reation facilities in this country. At local level, we have done well but at national level we are lagging way behind other coun-

which are so necessary for

"For instance, if we were able to channel funds to the North-West, then it could be a substantial help to-wards Manchester's bid to stage the 2000 Olympic Games. The BOA is in fa-

tries. A national lottery

could provide funds that

are not presently available

from the private sector or

John Goodbody concludes his report

on the cash problems of British sport by

considering the pros and cons of a

national lottery

vour of the lottery, and we want to make certain that sport receives a pre-determined percentage."

Today sport — and the arts, environmental and

other deserving causes will learn if they have the backing of the House of Commons. However, the second reading of the private member's bill of Ivan Lawrence, Conservative MP for Burton, is only an enabling bill and does not specify how the proceeds of a lottery would be split. British sport's need for

improved funding is greater than ever after recent cutbacks in spending by local and central government and a reduction in sponsorship, particuarly among the lower-profile sports. There is cross-party support for the bill and among the Conservative ministers known to be in favour of a lottery are Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, Chris Patten, the party chairman. Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary;

the health secretary. The support from the Tones has increased since the resignation of Mrs Thatcher as prime minister. She was opposed to any lottery.

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The British public certainly seems to be in favour. An NOP poll of 1,000 people last weekend showed that 76 per cent of men and 69 per cent of women would support a national lottery and 90 per cent wanted the proceeds directed at arts, sport and the environment. In a similar survey last July, it was found that people would spend an average of £1.69 a bring in £2 billion a year before administration and

prize costs were deducted. However, even if a major-ity is obtained today, it is not expected that there will be time to complete the bill's Parliamentary passage before the election. So the bill's supporters hope that there will such overwhelming backing in the Commons today that the parties will include the establishment of a national lottery in their manifestos.

Many opponents of the bill are concerned that charities and sweepstakes will suffer. The pools com-panies are lobbying with determination against a national lottery. They were so worried last March that the Chancellor of the Exchequer was to include the setting-up of a lottery in the budget that they persuaded him to establish the Arts and Sports Foundation, which is giving nearly £40 million a year in grants to sport from a reduction in pool betting duty and from the companies themselves.

The pools companies argue that a lottery would reduce the public's spending on football pools. That would grievously affect the amount of tax coming to the Treasury and would ultimately lead to redundancies among the 6,000 people working for the pools in high unemploy-ment areas like Liverpool, Glasgow and Cardiff.

Roger Calvert, the secre-tary of the Pools Promoters' Association, has described as "unrealtisic" the claim that up to 40,000 new jobs would be created by a lottery. 'The principal lottery in Germany employs fewer

than 200 people." he said. However, there is a growing feeling at Westminster that the lottery is inevitable. Denis Howell, the shadow minister for sport and a supporter of the bill. has termed the debate as

British sport". The future may not be settled today but, at least, the signposts may be

erected.

has much to offer IN NORWAY, the football pools, betting on horse rae-

Norway's example

ing and a lottery co-exist to the benefit of sport, the arts and science, with each ex-pecting to receive £50 million under a new system in 1993 (Tony Samstag writes). It will be an example of how a successful partnership can be created. with the state running the industry

Norsk Tipping (NT), literally Norwegian Betting, was formed in 1948 with the government and Norwegian sports federation each owning 40 per cent of the shares, and the Norwegian Football Association per cent. However, next January, the state will take over all the shares.

For many years. NT ran

ate without rest days, it will be

the least-battered player who

in 1986, a lottery was begun and, in 1989, rikstoto, tote betting on horse rac-ing, started. NT dominates all types of betting in the country, accounting for at least 50 per cent of the betting market. Per capita

annual spending on all forms of betting is £190.

NT employs 86 full-time staff, 125 part-time and about 4,800 agents, whose commissions average 8.6 per cent. The share of prizes is 50 per cent of the annual turnover, which was £387 million in 1991, a large sum for a country with a population of 4.2 million people.

pected to be at least £150 million, since turnover has enjoyed an average in-For many years, NT ran only the football pools but, the five years to 1991.

of who I am playing," Parke

said. "I had a niggling leg injury over the weekend and I

remembered all too well the

hard work I put into the early

munds last year, so I was that

much keener not to waste

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Wycombe v Kidderminster (8.0)...

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ionships (Manchesier) SWIMMING: World Cup meeting

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Olympics ban for Sabatini

Gabriela Sabatini has been formally barred by the Inter-national Tennis Federation from competing at the Barcelona Olympics because of her refusal to take part in the Federation Cup last year, Argentine officials said.

Sabatini, who won silver at the Seoul Olympics, has ignored the cup since turning professional in 1986.

Sharp Palmer

Golf: Arnold Palmer, aged 62, shot a 66, six under par, in the opening round of the Bob Hope Classic at Bermuda Dunes in California yesterday. He was two strokes off the leaders.

Hooker 'gouged'

Rughy league: Wakefield Trinity claim that their hooker, Nigel Bell, was gouged in the eye in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup tie with Hud-derslield last Sunday. They have asked the controller of referees, Fred Lindop, to study the videotape.

Way clouted

Yachting: Penny Way, a strong British Olympic sailing prospect, was his on the head yesterday by a windsurf sail at the start of the world windsurfing championships in Singapore. She recovered and is sixth overall.

Butler absent

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Badminton: Steve Butler, the England joint No 2, has withdrawn from the English national championships next month because contractual obligations with his sponsor require him to play in the Swiss Open

Jumbo Crossword winners

MISS Anne Roberts is the winner of the first prize in The Times Jumbo Sports Crossword, published in our December 24 issue. Miss Roberts, who lives at Kinver Close, Woodley, Romsey, Hampshire, wins two pairs of tickets for two Barclays League matches of her choice from February 1 until the end of the football season.

The nunner-up, who wins a pair of seats for a Barclays League match, is Mr George R Harvey, of Park Road, Beckenham, Kent. The other prize-winners are:

A copy of the book Racers Apart by David Tremayne (published by Motor Racing Publications): Mrs N Harris, of Magdalen Road, Exters; Mr M RyYoung, of Burnham Road, Highbridge, Somerast; Mr D N Rees, of Rhythermard Terrace, Bracon, Powyer, Ms Anna Roberts, of Flowerdale Road, Watchet, Somerast; and Mr John Watchet, Somerast; and Mr John Watchet, of The Crossways, Birstell, Leicester.

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CRICKET

KARACHI: First under-19 test match: Pakistan Under-19 255-4 (Hader 103, Raza 62) v England Under-19.

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AFRICAN NATIONS CUP: Group B: Cameroon 1, Zake 1 (in Dake).
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FA CUP: Third round: Leeds United 0, Manchester United 1. Taked round replays: Hartlepool United 0, basech Town 2, Leylon Orient 4, Oldham Alhletio 2 (set; 22 after 90min).
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Marshall enjoys a rapid success By COUN McQuillan

THE longest competitive week of the domestic squash season started in Manchester yesterday with a 64-strong men's field taking part in the Fight for Sight national championship. Those who had the course of the competition before were determined not to waste any time or effort in the early rounds.

Peter Marshall, for example, the top-seeded doublehanded player from Kegworth, spent just 30 minutes on court disposing of his firstround opponent. Rick Weatherall, of Berkshire, 9-1. 9-2, 9-0, while the defending champion, Paul Gregory from south London, took just three minutes more to defeat Paul Millington, of North-

Philip Whidock, the Devon demanding rounds to negotichampion who now lives in Cheshire, was off the court in just 18 minutes against Nigel Willis, of Lancashire, winning with the loss of just one The determination to finish



Marshall: quick victory

enters Tuesday's men's final with the greater expectation. Last year. Gregory played only one match beyond three games and then benefited from Marshall's collapse

SQUASH RACKETS

through food poisoning prior to their semi-final. His opponent in the final, Simon Parke, from Harrogate, the junior world champion, was extended to lengthy endeavours in every round last year and reached the final with feet already too sore for prop-Plainly determined not to

suffer similarly this year. Parke was merciless with Peter Nicol, the Scottish junior champion, completing his 9-5, 9-3, 9-0 victory in 38 minutes.

RIFLE SHOOTING

RUGBY UNION

WINDSURFING

"I always try to win as quickly as possible regardless

ready to turn professional

Wellington: Willie Ofahengaue, a member of Australia's Rugby World Cup-winning side last November seems certain to sign to play rugby league for the Sydney club, St George.

Ofahengaue's lawyer. Kahu Baron-Afeake, said yes-terday he "is 99 per cent" certain to sign a three-year contract with St George worth Aus\$800.000, nearly £350.000.

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bridge 1. Hitchm 1. WENDY FAIR CAPITAL LEAGUE: Colchester 3, Southend 2. ENGLISH SCHOOLS MATCHES: Brit-ENGLISH SCHOOLS MATCHES: Bratish 6as Trophy: Fifth round replay: Reading 1. North Sussex 0. Adidas Under-19 Trophy: Inne-London 4. Kent 1 Broad Shleid: Torbey 2, West Comwell 2. Under-18 tour match: Greater Manchester 0, Australian Schools 0. TORRES NOVAS, Portugat: International Portugal 0, Spain 0.

AFFICAN NATIONS CUP: Group 0 (Zgunchor, Senegal) Ghana 1, Zamba 0.

GOLF BERMUDA DUNES. California: Bob

Charlton Athletic O. Wolverhampton Wan-

Hope Classic tournament: First round (US unless stated), 64: R Fety, D Peoples. 65: T Kite. J Cook. 66: G Morgan, J Huston, Ł Wadkine, M O'Mears, N Price (Zim), A Pelmer 67: D Love, L Rinker, L Roberts, D Ognn, N Lancaster, S Etkington (Aus), J Maggert, R Floyd, 68: J Sturan, T Schulz, T Seckmann, R Black, B Gardner, M Springer, J Haas, T Armour, M Standly, L Thompson, J Sindelser, M Lye, M Brooks, B Bryant, K Cearweter, F Couples, K Kinsr J Gold, Charles, M Channer, M Standly, L Thompson, J Sindelser, M Lye, M Brooks, B Bryant, K Cearweter, F Couples, K Kinsr JOHANNESSURG: South Africar unless stated) 65: E Es, 67: C Williams, C Davison, H Basocchi 68: W Bradley, D Terbianche, J Hawkes 68: W Bradley, D Terbianche, J Hawkes 68: W Bradley, D Terbianche, J Hawkes 68: W Bradley, D Hames, C Dimarco (US), N van Rensburg, D Frost, S Hobday, D van Staden, C Pappes 70: S Danels, M Schlerer (US), P McGniley (Ire), B Lincoln, W Westner, G Red, S van der Merwe, F Langham (US), W Vickers (US), A Cruse, N Henning, S van Vuuron, M Wittsthre CARRARA: Australia: Palm Meadows Cus; First round (Australia: Palm Meadows (US), M Gates (GB) 67: G Boros (US), C Wanen, P Molorey, B Andrewe, G Walte (NZ) 68 D Ecob. R Davis, M Clayton, C Beck (US), G Norman, N Yuhara (Japen), C Gray, J Kay (US), R Ralferty (GB), L Tinder, J Evans Other British score: 72: S Bennett.

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ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL) Boston Bruns 4, Hartlord Whalers 3, New Jersey Devils 8, Buffalo Sabres 6 (CT) Minneso-ta North Stars 5, Montreal Canadans 2 Vancouver Canuchs 5, Edmonton Oders

RUGBY LEAGUE STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Rochdale 12. Sheffield 26

UPPER HUTT, Watington: New Zes-land championships: Wallington match (500 yds): equal 1, S Bloomfeld (Aus), 6 Bearman (Aus), 6 Beschin (Scot), 50 10 Bellinger treatms march (600 yds), 1, T Coch (NZ) 2 3 Bensley (Aus), 3, R Caden (Aus), all 50 9 (countback) Winchester march (900 yds; 1, R Richards (NZ), 2, T Ryan (Aus), 3, M Sweet (Aus), all 50 8 (countback)

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Surrey 10. Royal Navy 23: England Fire Biligades 17. Wales Fire Brigades 33

BRATISLAVA: European League: First division: England bi Czechostovakia, 4-2 (English names first): A Cooke lost to P Aorbel, 12-21, 15-21. C Prean bit R Vimi, 22-20, 21-8. Chen Xinhua bit T Janci, 21-11 21-15. Prean and Cooke fost to korbel and Janci, 13-21, 10-21. Prean bit Korbel, 21-17, 19-21, 21-19, Chen Xinhua bit Vimi, 20-22, 21-12, 21-13.

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Board sanctions "Run with the Ball"

England players can now make money off field

ENGLAND'S rugby union players, who begin the de-fence of their five nations' championship in Edinburgh tomorrow, have received official approval for their promotional "Run with the Ball"

In doing so, they have es-tablished a blueprint for the game's leading players to make money from their sporting fame within the framework of rugby's amateur regulations - that is, by way non-rugby-related

The International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) announced yesterday that the scheme, devised by England players in conjunction with their commercial advisers, the Parallel Media Group (PMG), fell within the regulations. However, the board has urged six-monthly checks by the Rugby Football Union (RFU) to ensure that any payments made are appropriate

to the services rendered. The England players will be able to advertise non-rugby products, provide services to non-rugby organisations. speak or appear at non-rugby functions, write books and articles, broadcast and open

Brian Moore, the Harlequins hooker, speaking for the national squad, welcomed the decision: "It's the right one and I hope now we can concentrate on the game at Murrayfield. It's such a small amount of money per head that it has never been a motivating factor. I think it's a good blueprint which can be developed in the future."

The scheme will eventually be worth just over £5,000 to each member of the World Cup squad. Though some small interim payments may be made, the players are likely to wait until the end of the initial ten-month contract period, on May 31, when all stage payments from sponsors should have been completed, before the money accruing from non-rugby related spheres is divided on an equitable basis.

It is a month since the players, via their own company Playervision, announced details of the promotional campaign designed to take advantage of interest aroused by the World Cup. The RFU committee approved it but the Welsh, Scots to be referred to the IRFB's

Williams ignores training mix-up

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ALAN Davies, the Wales for hours on end if it helped coach, was yesterday given the full backing of JPR Williams, despite Williams being left standing in the cold for 90 minutes when the team failed

meet the players in his role as advisor and team motivator, left shortly before the team eventually appeared in Cardiff on Wednesday. Williams said the mix-up was down to lack of communication. "The important thing is that the team get properly prepared to face Ireland on Saturday. The fact that I was kept waiting is immaterial," he said. "I would gladly stand around

The new French coach,

Pierre Berbizier, hopes to make peace with the British rugby establishment when he tions were soured when his predecessor, Daniel Dubroca, half-heartedly apologised for an incident involving the referee. David Bishop. after England knocked France out of the World Cup.

In The Times tomorrow, Rob Andrew, the England standoff half, gives his thoughts on the Calcutta Cup match with Scotland

The result of that action constitutes a slap over the wrist for those three unions, and produced a tart reaction from Denis Evans, the secretary of the Welsh Rugby Union."The scheme did not come within what we believed to be the interpretation of the amateur regulations but, if this is the case, then we are pleased and we will be reviewing the scheme to see how it may be exploited for the benefit of Welsh players," he said.

"I find it rather ironic that the storming of the battlements of amateurism now has England in the van. We will, of course, provide them with all the reinforcements they require." The Irish may be unhappy about yesterday's judgment, though their players have already benefited from a small-scale sponsorship agreement that did not require IRFB approval.

England's scheme involved five leading companies as "official supporters" of the national squad, a campaign worth over £1 million. The IRFB's main concern was that players should derive material benefit only for permitted activities; that payments should be reasonable in relation to those activities; and that the RFU should be able to exercise adequate

"It will be the responsibility of the RFU, as well as PMG, to ensure that the spirit of the regulations relating to amateurism is not breached by payments to Playervision which are excessive, bearing in mind the services rendered by the players for permitted activities," a board statement

The announcement coincided with England's departure for Edinburgh yesterday afternoon after completing preparations for tomorrow game against Scotland. Geoff Cooke, the team manager, confirmed that all illness and injury doubts had cleared and that the players were close to reviving the momentum which carried them to the World Cup final against Australia last November.

Rodber grows up, page 30

Students offer appetiser

TWO student internationals provide the opening course to the rugby union confronta-tion between Scotland and England this weekend. The full student teams of the two countries meet at Myreside this afternoon, while across Edinburgh, Scottish Universities play English Universi ties at Peffermill (David Hands writes).

Spencer Bromley, the Liverpool Polytechnic wing. has withdrawn from the English Students XV and his place goes to Chris Dossett, of Loughborough University. It is the first match of a student five nations' championship. which will lead into the student World Cup in Italy in

England's championship bid said: "If anything, we are regarded as favourites and the increase could strengthen our case because of our administrative capacity to han-dle the situation." Lennart Johansson, the Uefa presigland's ambition to host the dent, considers that the chance of two nations hosting the finals jointly remains a possibility. Candidates besides England are The Netherlands, Austria. Portuevent in England since the World Cup 26 years ago. The gal and Greece.

The Uefa stadium committee will make an inspection of grounds in the candidate host countries in mid-March, then report to the exeuctive before the decision is made during the European finals in Sweden in June. Loss of government grants would be a sharp setback to the preparation of eight or nine stadiums that will now be needed.

The FA's intended proposal was for matches at Wembley, Old Trafford, Elland Road and Villa Park. The expansion of the finals is likely now to bring into consideration Goodison Park, Hillsborough, White Hart Lane and one of the three grounds in the northeast at Middlesbrough. Newcastle and Sun-

The game in England, after several years of suspension from European competition.

needs the stimulus that would be provided by the European edonia, Montenegro. be provided by the European

Net practice: Graham Gooch, the England cricket captain, is caught out playing tennis in Christchurch yesterday as the touring

team relaxed before tomorrow's first Test match against New Zealand. Gooch also negotiated a more orthodox net at Lancaster

Park, along with Ramprakash, who is struggling for form, and may lose his place at No. 6 to Reeve. Lawrence, the England fast

Lack of funding may weaken

bowler, was ruled out of the match after failing a fitness test and may return home next month. Test preview, page 30

The Yugoslav football federation (YYF), fearful that political forces might endanger its presence as one of the finalists this summer, yesterday gave the executive the equivalent of a legal document which demonstrated that Yugoslavia cannot be excluded under the constitution

of either Uefa or Fifa... The document made the following points: ☐ The YFF was founded in 1919, has been affiliated to Fifa since 1921 and to Uefa since its foundation in 1954. ☐ Under YFF regulations,

the associations of the repub-

Taylor: admiration

Slovenia and Serbia and the associations of the provinces of Kosovo and Voivodina pro-

mote Yugoslav football.

I YFF can be excluded from Fifa/Uefa only if it should: cease to exist. voluntarily withdraw from either, be excluded by either.

☐ YFF can be dissolved only. hen two-thinds of the eight associations decide to do so Croatia and Slovenia have proposed dissolution, unanimously opposed by the other six associations. ☐ As qualifiers for the European finals, they are legally

entitled to take part. The letter goes on to state that YFF is exclusively sporting and outside politics. This has been already echoed by last week's joint statement by Fifa/Uefa, specifically refer-

ring to the participation of

the former Soviet Union. Uefa, of course, will not overlook — as Graham Taylor is also quick to point out that Yugoslavia possess several of the best players in Europe, such as Pancev, the leading goal scorer last year. Savicevic and Prosinecki. Prosinecki has a Serbian mother and Croatian father, and is torn on whether or not he should play in the finals.

Briton's unwise tilt at IOC BY JOHN GOODBODY

ONE of Britain's leading sports administrators has attacked the International Olympic Committee [IOC] with words, that are likely to damage Manchester's bid to stage the Olympic Games in 2000.

-David Pickup, the directormeral of the Sports Council and, ex officio, a member of Manchester's Olympic bid management team, said in Hong Kong: The 92 mem-bers of the IOC are, as is well known, a self-perpetuating oligarchy. They are not, other than accidentally, representative of the major international federations of sport. They have no constituency to which they must answer.

"The IOC is, in socio-political terms, immature, and shares, to paraphrase Win-ston Churchill, the traditional prerogative of the prostitute: the exercise of power without responsibility.

Pickup, who has wrongly sourced the quotation to Churchill of words spoken in 1931 by Stanley Baldwin. another former prime minister, is touring the Far East and Australia.

During his speech to the Reebok sporting-Juncheon club, he questioned whether this form of administration can long survive other than at a ceremonial level. Bob Scott, the chairman of

the Manchester bid committee, said: "I entirely dissociate the Manchester Olympic bid with the unattractive and careless comparison with prostitutes. It is a deplorable in particular. Scott said. -

Doubts cast over the future of rally organiser. Gilbert Sabine.

Cape Town: Hubert Auriol. of France, drove his Mitsubishi to victory in the first 7.766-mile Paris-to-Cape Town Rally yesterday amid controversy which could threaten plans to make it a regular event.

FROM DAVID MILLER

REFUSAL by the govern-

ment to give improvement

grants to the Premier League

clubs could jeopardise En-

European championship

finals of 1996. This would be

the first significant football

draw for this year's European

finals will be made here

The position regarding

English grounds has become

that much more urgent since

it was revealed here vesterday

that the number of teams in

the 1996 finals will be in-

creased from eight to 16, the

same as when England host-

ed the World Cup, in which there are now 24 finalists.

Last night the FA was adjust-

ing its formal presentation to

be made to the Uefa execu-

tives this morning, to accom-

Glen Kirton, the director of

international relations for the

FA, said: "We are confident

we can accommodate what is

required of us, and satisfacto-

rily adjust our proposals."

Graham Kelly, the FA chief

executive, last night denied

that the government's deci-

sion could be a handicap. He

modate the increase.

today:

Officials at the finish played down reported criticisms of South Africa by the but they could not confirm the trans-Africa rally would be repeated. "I do not know whether we will return to South Africa next year. I have been rather disappointed with the South Africans ... its people are very inward-

looking." Sabine said in an

interview with Cape Town's

We were assuming this would become an annual event," Rory Brown, of the South African organisers,

"Maybe if they don't want to come here every year, we can do a raily from Cape Town to Paris in alternate

man to succeed as both a car driver and a motorcycle rider. He won the Paris Dakar Rally motorcycle section on a BMW in 1981 and 1983.

Auriol, aged 39, a Paris restaurateur, said: "Once I was in the lead in Libya. worried most of the time that I would have car problems

and cheap gibe." The IOC might be imperfect but it had done an enormous amount for sport and for British sport

No breaks for Leeds until the worst one of all

WHATEVER I expected to happen on Wednesday night. I did not expect to finish it lying on the operating table at Leeds Royal Infirmary, As if it were not bad enough that we should outplay Manchester United and lose, I had to break my arm just above the wrist, an injury which will keep me out for at least five

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It was all the more galling that the injury should have come at the moment when I thought I was going to equalise. When the ball came over. I was sure I was going to score. Just before I made contact with the ball, Gary Pallister made contact with me, forcing me to head wide and knocking me off balance. I fell awkwardly on to my left arm and that was that.

I do not for one minute

blame Pallister for the break but I do feel, as did many others, that we should have had a penalty. It would have made that painful and miserable walk back to the treatment room a lot more bearable had I known a thoroughly deserved equaliser was on its way. This had been our best performance in the trilogy of meetings with United. The first had been evenly baianced and the second belonged to United, but few would doubt that the third

The changes forced on us tor the match against Sheffield Wednesday had proved so successful that we decided to keep faith with them and we began where we left off at Hillsborough, dominating play. For the first time in the three matches we started to

was ours.



Lee Chapman, of Leeds United, reflects on an unhappy ending

to his team's final encounter

now we are out of two curs

with just the championship

to chase. But we now know

with Manchester United

cut holes in United's defence. This enabled me to have by far the most effective game I have enjoyed against United and on a luckier day I might have had three goals. I was just as pleased with my overall performance as I had

that there is not much to choose between us and Manchester United and the way: we performed on Wednesday will have minimised any been against Wednesday. pyschological damage to our championship campaign. It After my three goals on is still going to be a long, Sunday I had been surprised hard fight, with possibly a at suggestions (not least in third team, Liverpool, enterthis newspaper) that it might

ing at a later stage. be beneficial for Leeds to Unfortunately, the next. leave me out of this match. It stage will be played without me. I know that the next few For all that, Leeds lost and

trating, especially when I am watching someone else play in the No. 9 shirt while I am sitting in the stand. Of course I have done it:

before. In 14 years as a professional footballer, I have broken my nose four times and had broken fingers, to name but a few of the inevitable injuries, but this is the most serious I have suffered. It has come at a time when I was playing as well as I have ever played, for the best team

I have been a part of As I write this, with some one else doing the typing, it seems like a normal day off after a match, but I fear depression lies in wait. I assume that my injury is not severe enough to force the manager to go out and buy a replacement, although much

sults go, starting tomorrow against Crystal Palace. A run of defeats will probably prompt the manager to open his cheque book. I have faith in the present squad and can see no reason why they cannot improvise until I am fit

My arm will be in a heavy cast - which will prevent me training at all - for 17 days, then a smaller one which will allow light exercise. Five weeks from now I should be training fully, and I hope not far from my first match. One thing is certain: these will probably be the longest five weeks of the season for me.

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